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Save a Life Workshop

From noon to 1 p.m., the UT Counseling and Mental Health Center will be hosting a workshop dedicated to Suicide Prevention Week. This workshop will help students deal with suicidal thoughts that have been posted online through social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter. The event is free and open to everyone.

Study Photography in Prague

Love photography? Want to study abroad? An info session will be held today from 2-3 p.m. about the Maymester program to study documentary photography in Prague. The application deadline for Maymester is Nov. 1. The event is free and located in the Belo Center for New Media in room 3.204.

Coping and Healing

For every death by suicide, there are at least six kinds of survivors: family, friends, classmates, partners and university faculty and staff that are left behind. How do survivors adjust and move on? Explore these questions and more today from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Student Activity Center room 1.106. This event is free and open to everyone.

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In 1988
New York City's Rockefeller Center was declared a national landmark. The Rockefeller Center officially opened in May 1933.



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CAMPUS

Fraternity acts on claims of racism

By David Maly

The UT chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity canceled its “a border to cross” event Tuesday night following a negative student response to the Facebook invitation created for it.

The event, planned by the fraternity as a part of its “Alpha Tau Omega Presents Fiestau” party, was scheduled for Saturday afternoon. For the “a border to cross” event, the fraternity planned to build an obstacle in the mid-

dle of the party to represent the border between the U.S. and Mexico, Nick Davis, petroleum engineering sophomore and co-organizer of the event’s Facebook page, said.

“Party guests would then have to cross that obstacle to get from the ‘Texas side’ of the party to the ‘Mexico side,’” he said.

Before the event was canceled, Davis said plans for the event were not finalized, but the fraternity had a good idea of how it was going to look.

“We’re going to put a river through it and have like a

border crossing, you know, like you walk over the river,” he said.

Davis said the “a border to cross” event was meant to help separate the two sides of the party and give partygoers a better experience.

“I mean, we’re going to have a Mexican side and a Texas side, with Mexican-themed drinks and then Texas-themed drinks,” he said. “We’re going to have a Mexican flag hanging up and kind of have a little party on

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Marisa Vasquez | Daily Texan Staff

UT’s Alpha Tau Omega fraternity canceled a themed “fiestau” party due to an online petition and negative feedback.

MULTIMEDIA | UT JAZZ UP-CLOSE



Jorge Corona | Daily Texan Staff

Jeff Hellmer, professor in jazz studies, music industry and jazz piano, reflects on the nuances that make jazz relevant to the public before performing a show with fellow professors at the Butler School of Music last Thursday.

Check out this video online: bit.ly/dt_jazz

UNIVERSITY

Surveys aid freshman in college transition

By Mary Ellen Knewston

The School of Undergraduate Studies will invite UT freshmen to participate in the first in a series of surveys Wednesday meant to identify freshmen struggling with the transition from high school to college.

The surveys, called MAP-Works, are part of a third-party program to improve retention rates by identifying at-risk students, said Patricia Micks, undergraduate studies first-year experience coordinator. Once the program identifies at-risk students, Micks said it will notify the students’ advisors and support staff. The School of Undergraduate Studies,

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HEALTH



Shelby Tauber | Daily Texan Staff

A nurse prepares to administer a flu shot during the University Health Services’ first day of flu shot clinics held Tuesday at the Student Services Building.

UHS prevents influenza virus

By Tiffany Hinman

With flu season approaching, UT and the Austin area are combatting the virus by providing flu shots to as many residents as possible.

University Health Services held its first day of flu shot clinics Tuesday at the Student Services Building to provide the UT community with low-cost influenza vaccinations. Shots are \$10 without insurance, and

the clinics are based on walk-ins only. Tuesday’s clinic was the first in a series that will end Oct. 18.

Sherry Bell, senior program coordinator for UHS, said the center has provided flu shot clinics for more than 20 years. Fall 2011, however, was the first time UHS accepted insurance at its flu shot clinics.

“When UHS reduces barriers to getting a flu shot by filing insurance or offering them at a very low cost and by holding them at convenient locations across

campus, Longhorns will take advantage of the opportunity to get the shot,” Bell said.

Bell said UHS ordered 10,000 doses, the same number they ordered last year.

“I think this says that we have a student body, faculty and staff who are highly motivated to stay healthy and perform at their best,” Bell said.

Students, faculty and staff can pay for flu shots

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HEALTH

UT professors focus research on flu virus

By Christine Ayala

Although flu season only comes around in the fall, researchers on campus are continually working to learn more about the virus and how it spreads.

Several UT professors focus their research on the influenza virus, including studying the virus itself and tracking and forecasting new strains. Lauren Meyers, director of statistics and scientific computing, works with the Texas Department of State Health Services to help predict pandemic flu outbreaks. After the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, the department funded the Texas Pandemic Flu Toolkit, which Meyers’ research team created.

This month Meyers’ research team began four new flu-related projects. The team is creating two new tools for the online toolkit: an interface public officials can use to run exercises for simulated pandemic outbreaks and a new surveillance system for early detection of seasonal flu.

“It’s only been a few months since the full toolkit became available online and we haven’t been through flu season yet, but we are funding additional research and development of new tools

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We’re probably still going to see H1N1 this year, but it’s not going to be a pandemic. It’s going to be seasonal since it’s not a new strain.”

— *Lauren Meyers, Director of statistics and scientific computing*

for the toolkit,” department spokesperson Chris Van Deusen said.

The toolkit allows members to create their own simulations and forecasts or look at archived data. The toolkit is free for the public to access.

“The toolkit was created to look at pandemic flu, which are new strains that can spread from person to person,” Meyers said. “We’re probably still going to see H1N1 this year, but it’s not going to be a pandemic. It’s going to be seasonal since it’s not a new strain.”

Meyers said there won’t be

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CAMPUS

Suicide prevention week informs students

By Lazaro Hernandez

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among college students, a statistic UT Counseling and Mental Health Center officials hope can be minimized by raising awareness in the campus community.

Monday marked the beginning of UT's fourth annual Suicide Prevention Week, organized by the Counseling and Mental Health Center. Throughout the week, the center will present seven interactive programs focusing on topics like learning to cope with a death by suicide and recognizing the signs of suicidal thoughts.

"We want to help remove the stigma from suicide prevention and mental health," health education coordinator Marian Trattner said. "This week is in place to make students aware that there are resources out there to support them."

Trattner said an average of three UT students die by suicide each year, which is consistent with the national average. Eighteen percent of undergraduate students in the United States have seriously considered suicide, said Jane Bost, associate director of the Counseling and Mental Health Center.

Trattner said organizers are changing this year's suicide prevention week so it has a greater focus on social media and its role in suicide prevention. She said students are urged to follow



Elizabeth Wilson, a counseling psychology graduate student, talks about suicide prevention in the Union Tuesday evening. Wilson told students the warning signs of suicide and ways to help people get counseling.

Marisa Vasquez | Daily Texan Staff

UT's Counseling and Health Services on Twitter and post any questions they may have about suicide or suicide prevention using the hashtag #SPWChat. The Twitter conversation will continue throughout the week using the hashtag #UTSPW. The center is also presenting an interactive program on suicide prevention via social networking sites Wednesday.

"There has been an increase in the media about people who reach out and cry out about suicide through social media, particularly through Facebook and

Twitter," Trattner said. "Since we have these outlets and tools, we want to continue to use them in a positive way."

Bethanie Olivan, president of the UT chapter of To Write Love On Her Arms, a nonprofit movement aimed at helping people struggling with depression, self-injury and suicide, said she thinks the problem is prevalent in college students because of the stressors present during that time in their life.

"Our identities aren't totally clear yet, so many people end up rooting their identities in grades and how oth-

ers perceive them," Olivan said. "When things in these realms go wrong, it can lead to a sense of hopelessness and thoughts of suicide."

Bost said one of the goals of Suicide Prevention Week is to encourage students to take advantage of all of the suicide prevention resources the University has available. The UT Counseling and Mental Health Center offers in-house psychiatric services, stress reduction exercises and free year-round telephone counseling to help students deal with depression and suicidal thoughts.

"There is nothing shameful or embarrassing about your struggle," Olivan said. "Reaching out for help is the best thing you can do and is a sign of strength. Therapy or medication can be the difference between life and death."

Suicide Prevention Week ends Friday at the Texas Union building in room 3.116 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. with a workshop aimed at teaching students to recognize the signs of suicidal thoughts in their friends and refer them to professional help.

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TOMORROW'S WEATHER

High 91 Low 70
It feels more wrong when it's people you know.

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the department funding the survey, estimates it will pay \$88,000 based on the freshman class size of 8,100 — the largest yet at UT. Some survey questions are about academics, but others ask about roommates, activities and family issues, Micks said.

"We want to work with the students early on to be sure they feel like the UT community is another home for them," Micks said. "It's meant to be an early intervention to help students before they're in trouble."

Micks said 98 percent of

UT freshmen return after fall semester and 91 percent after spring. She said this rate was good, but if MAP-Works can improve the retention rate by even 1 percent, many students would be affected at a school this size. She said in its six years of use by other universities, the program has improved retention rates by 1 to 10 percent.

"What MAP-Works tries to do is what we already do, and that's connect students with resources," Micks said.

Micks said she has been enlisting resident assistants, Freshman Interest

Group mentors, undergraduate studies professors and academic advisors to encourage their cohorts to use the optional surveys as tools. The school pays for every enrolled freshman regardless of participation.

Freshmen Interest Group mentor Ginu Scaria said she plans to point her students toward the survey.

"It's a good way to connect with students and see how they are doing," Scaria said. "If there's a problem you can't deal with, you are able to send information to someone who can help them

in a better way."

As a PEER mentor, Scaria will not have access to much personal information but can submit reports to advisors and track her students' survey completion. Scaria said MAP-Works might be more helpful to students who are not in close contact with their mentor.

Heather O'Leary, a principal analyst for Eduventures, a higher education consulting firm, said universities care about identifying struggling students early because administrators have made an investment and want to ensure

student success. O'Leary said personal responsibility is important, but struggling students may not be aware of all of the resources available to them.

She said the program would be a good way to make the most of investments UT has already made in student support and to potentially identify gaps in resources.

"I would actually be really interested to see in three or five years down the line the kind of impact this program has on the students and the retention rate overall," O'Leary said.

FIESTA

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the Mexican side. Then the band will be on the Texas side, and you can choose where you want to hang out, what kind of drink you want to get. That's really the only reason we have that side."

The fraternity changed the name of the party to "Alpha Tau Omega Presents the

Alamo" Tuesday night. The party will also feature an "Alamo hangout," according to the Facebook event.

Bilingual education junior Luis Juarez said he cannot describe how offended he is over the "a border to cross" event.

"I'm honestly speechless right now," he said. "It's totally negative, because they don't know what people go through whenever they cross the border. For them to be having an event of that manner, I don't even know. I'm outraged."

Davis said the party was never meant as a negative statement against any ethnicity.

"There's really no malintent[sic] involved," Davis said.

Ryan Miller, lead team member for the Campus

Climate Response Team, an organization that investigates incidents of bias at UT, said his office has received 15 reports of racially biased theme parties at UT so far this semester.

"I think our wider mainstream culture is saturated with stereotypes and negative images of marginalized groups and communities," Miller said.

Veronica Rivera, political communication studies sophomore, and Rocio Vilalobos, program coordinator for the Multicultural Engagement Center, created a petition Tuesday morning calling for offended members of the UT community to "encourage the organizations to end the negative and hurtful portrayal of communities of color on

campus." By Tuesday night, the petition had 342 signatures, Rivera said.

Rivera said the petition's supporters are planning on delivering it to officials on campus, including administrators in the Office of the Dean of Students.

Davis, Jeremy Cope, sophomore and event co-organizer, Nathaniel Sokolski, the fraternity's vice president, and other members of the fraternity declined further comment.



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Meyers said her research is monitoring two strains, the H5N1 and H3N2V strains, for possible pandemics. She said the strains have been reported in humans, but neither strain has spread from person to person. The reported cases have been in people who work in close proximity to livestock, including chickens and pigs.

Robert Krug, chair of the department of molecular genetics and microbiology, said flu pandemics caused by new strains like H1N1 can surprise researchers with unexpected molecular changes. Krug's 13 years of research at UT has focused on the NS1A protein of the

flu virus, which he said is common to every flu strain.

In his research on seasonal flu, Krug said he occasionally finds possible antivirals, which could be used to create preventative medicines for all flu strains with the same NS1A protein. However, he said the information is seldom used because the production of antivirals is expensive and unprofitable.

"This is very basic research, but in the process we identify targets for antivirals," Krug said. "It's not easy to make antivirals. We don't have the resources to do it right. That is something a pharmaceutical company could do, but they don't."

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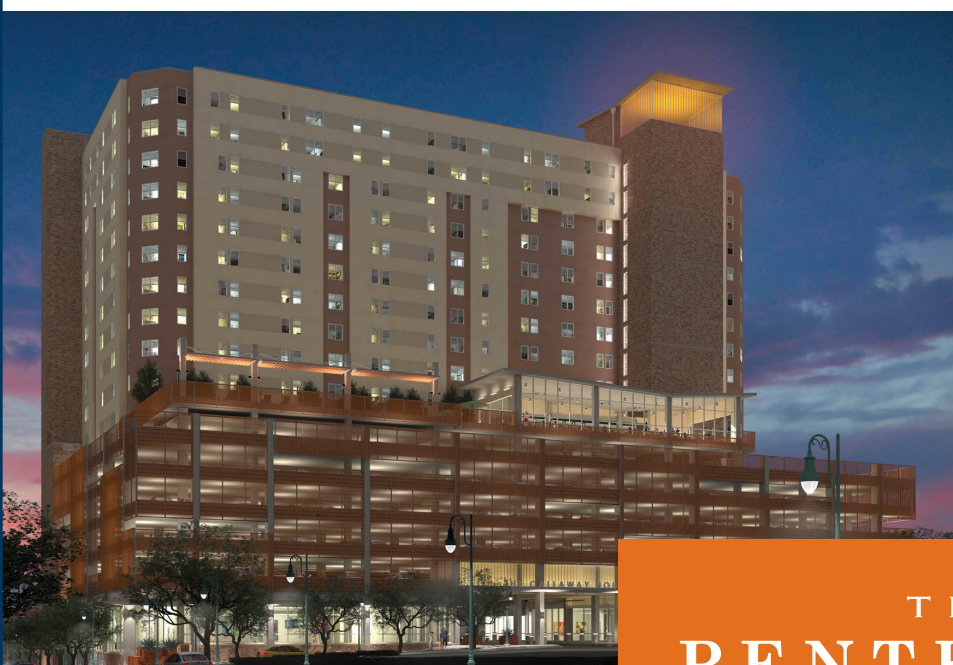


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VIEWPOINT

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This past Thursday, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a bill that would have increased the number of green cards available to foreign students in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). If it had passed, as many as 55,000 visas a year would have gone to foreigners graduating from U.S. doctoral and masters programs, encouraging them to stay in the United States and participate in our economy rather than return overseas and take their talents with them. This proposal should have garnered support from both Democrats and Republicans, but instead the two parties failed to reach a consensus and the STEM Jobs Act died on the U.S. House floor.

The bill, which was sponsored by U.S. House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas), included a stipulation that the 55,000 visas for highly-educated foreigners would not come from just anywhere. They would be subtracted from the visas granted by lottery to applicants from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States, most of

which are in poorer parts of the world like Africa and Latin America. According to Smith, whose district includes part of Austin, this provision aimed to limit “fraud and security risks.” Democrats sharply accuse that it would also place an arbitrary limit on the number of legal immigrants admitted to this country.

Foreseeing Democrats’ objections, Smith and his fellow Republicans attempted to force the bill through the House under a procedure that limits debate and prevents amendments. The Democrats, their bluff called, voted against the bill in sufficient numbers to keep it from reaching the required two-thirds majority. And that was the end of the STEM Jobs Act.

Clearly, the U.S. House Republicans know exactly how beneficial this law would be, even without the limits on other immigrants’ opportunities. “In a global economy, we cannot afford to educate these foreign graduates in the U.S. and then send them back home to work for our competitors,” Smith said. “This bill makes our immigration system smarter by admitting those who have the education and skills America

The high road was open. The Republican-led House could have easily given the nation something everyone can get behind — an influx of skilled college graduates who could give back to the country that educated them.

needs.” But he left the rest of the sentence unsaid: “... at everybody else’s expense.”

The high road was open. The Republican-led House could have easily given the nation something everyone can get behind — an influx of skilled college graduates who could give back to the country that educated them. But instead they took that great idea hostage to score a political point and advance their own restrictive, xenophobic immigration philosophy. Now thousands of new graduates and the U.S. economy will pay the price.

GALLERY



Lauren Moore | Daily Texan Cartoonist

When it comes to graduation rates, men are the problem

By Patrick St. Pierre

Daily Texan Columnist

Unless you’ve been living under a rock far, far away from campus, you’re aware that the University of Texas favors four-year graduation rates. President William Powers, Jr. mentions the subject in many of his public addresses, and UT administrators collectively chime in to echo the sentiment at any given opportunity.

A common rationale in support of increasing four-year graduation rates is that the University has enrollment limits it cannot exceed. So, theoretically, for every two UT students who take six years to graduate, a total of four years of education gets wasted. In other words, the University must turn away one applicant to make up for these two students’ delays. Examples like these make me, an elective 5-year student, feel quite criminal.

The University’s primary objective is to raise the current four-year graduation rate of just over 50 percent. Last year, the University established the Task Force on Undergraduate Graduation Rates to develop strategies for achieving a new goal of a 70 percent four-year graduation rate by 2016. The University appointed Randy Diehl, dean of the College of Liberal Arts as task force chair, and in February, the task force published its findings.

The more than 100-page report hasn’t garnered much student attention, but the task force also released a more readable, two-page overview. It includes seven concrete recommendations to provide incentive for students to graduate in four years. Still, many of the full report’s findings failed to make it into the brief overview. One finding in particular stands out: men are the problem.

Female students at UT have a four-year graduation rate of 57.2 percent, while male students lag at 46.7 percent. That hefty gap is difficult to explain. Equally tough to interpret is the fact that male students have both a higher attrition rate and significantly higher rate of five- and six-year graduations than girls do. Have the University’s

female students enjoyed more advantageous upbringings than their male counterparts? [great part to insert comment, insight from Laude] Or, more believably, do men enter college with a lower degree of maturity and a less effective and pragmatic attitude toward academics?

David Brooks of the New York Times embraces this explanation. He cites woeful male employment trends across America, and, puncturing men’s egos further, lists the professional fields in which men fall behind women. That list, as it turns out, is quite long. Although men maintain better representation at the very top of corporate ladders, women dominate nearly every other encouraging employment trend. This achievement gap may be the first of its kind, in that the men, the underachieving group, enjoy just as many societal advantages as the achievers. The crux of the issue, according to Brooks, lies in an antiquated male attitude toward personal success that renders us out-matched in the ever-evolving 21st-century job market. It is women’s natural adaptability that gives them the edge.

Still, an inequitable degree-earning system exists. And with men earning only 40 percent of the undergraduate degrees in America, UT actually has greater gender equality than the national average. So what should be done?

The short answer: nothing.

Nothing should be done to attempt to teach male students adaptability. No public effort to retool women made them superior adapters. Instead, women learned flexibility as a means of coping with the environment. The historically unfair social climate that imposed certain roles for women rewarded achievement by adaptation. Today those skill sets allow women to outpace men in earning undergraduate and graduate degrees.

The achievement gap at UT fits as part of an emerging trend in the working world and the classroom. If men wish to close the degree-earning gap, they may just have to better adapt to college life.

St. Pierre is an English and philosophy junior from Austin.

Independent thinking gets the short shrift

By Maria-Xenia Hardt

Daily Texan Columnist

Soon after I arrived on the UT-Austin campus, I saw a group of girls wearing striped Nike Tempo shorts, tennis shoes and oversized t-shirts. I thought they were part of a feminist organization rebelling against revealing miniskirts, cleavage-baring tops and high heels. Before coming to Austin, I’d lived in a town on the edge of the Black Forest in Germany, where most women wear jeans and an outdoor jacket in the evening and consider themselves down-to-earth and unpretentious for doing so. Going to class in a gym outfit, however, is a level of informality that German women haven’t reached yet. I was impressed by that group of girls who were, in my eyes, setting new standards for independent and unencumbered wardrobe choices.

But after seeing another group of girls in identical shorts, and then another and another, it dawned on me that this was a uniform for these girls — just like miniskirts, revealing tops and high heels are for others.

Both uniforms serve the same purpose: by wearing them, you identify yourself with a group. You don’t have to waste time or effort building your own identity. When I asked girls why they wear such sorority regalia, they all had more or less the same answer. A biology sophomore, who I’ll call L, said, “This outfit is cool and comfy, and I can give it a personal touch, like shoelaces in my favorite color.” An undeclared sophomore, who I’ll call C, agreed and added that wearing the same style as her sisters gave sorority members a feeling “of being close even when we are spread over the campus.” L said that she thought exactly the same thing. Or was it the other way around? Did C say it was cool and comfy and then L agree and add that it made her feel close to her sisters and then C say she thought the same? I really can’t remember; they looked so similar they were nearly interchangeable to me.

After hearing my peers’

Both uniforms serve the same purpose: by wearing them, you identify yourself with a group. You don’t have to waste time or effort building your own identity.

opinions, I wanted to form my own, so I headed to Barton Creek Mall. To my surprise, there is not yet a specialty shop that sells these uniforms. An entrepreneur could make serious money selling piles of Nike shorts (\$30 each) and matching shoes (at least \$100 a pair.)

I finally located a sporting goods store with the uniform on offer. As soon as I stepped out of the changing room and looked in the mirror, I knew I looked good in my neon shorts and shoes with matching laces. I resolved to buy ten more sets of the uniform in exchange for my personality at the check-out counter. “What shall I wear today?” and “What shall I think today?” were two birds that I was about to kill with one stone. I would belong to an elite group of the coolest girls on campus.

Just joking. No question, the stuff was comfortable, but so were my off-brand-slightly-different sport shorts at home. To anyone out there who wears Nike shorts and oversized t-shirts for the mere comfort of it, keep doing so! But I doubt that very short shorts and a t-shirt are a comfortable outfit for all occasions. While I was sitting in a supermarket parking lot all night to get an Austin City Limits ticket, wearing jeans and a sweater, right behind me in the line was a group of girls equipped with dozens of blankets wearing shorts. I’d rather wear something warm than follow the herd instinct and freeze, but that’s everybody’s own decision. Or their group’s decision, if they’ve given up deciding for themselves.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Palestine requests statehood recognition

NEW YORK — A Palestinian legislator says President Mahmoud Abbas will likely ask the United Nation's General Assembly to vote on recognizing Palestine in November.

Abbas will call on the General Assembly to accept his country as an observer state to the United Nations when he's expected to speak on Thursday.

Palestinian legislator Hanan Ashrawi said Tuesday that Abbas is likely to ask for the General Assembly to vote on the matter in November, which would allow time to draft a proposal and ensure majority support. Abbas has also said he wants to put off a vote until after U.S. elections to avoid entangling the Palestinian statehood bid in presidential politics.

Immigrant requests strain U.S. schools

SAN DIEGO — Schools in Yakima, Wash., are taking nearly a month to deliver transcripts to former students.

Schools and consulates have been flooded with requests for documents after President Barack Obama announced a new program allowing young people living in the country illegally to apply for two-year renewable work permits. Up to 1.7 million people may qualify, which would be the broadest stroke to bring illegal immigrants out of the shadows in more than 25 years. Applicants — some eager to get in line before November's presidential elections — are finding they may have to wait a few weeks longer for a prize that has eluded them for years. The clamor for documents is an early sign that the policy is highly popular. The Obama administration said this month that it approved the first 29 applications among more than 82,000 received since it began accepting requests Aug. 15.

NYC high schools dispense Plan B

NEW YORK — It's a campaign believed to be unprecedented in its size and aggressiveness: New York City is dispensing the morning-after pill to girls as young as 14 at more than 50 public high schools, sometimes even before they have had sex.

Some doctors say more schools should follow New York's lead.

Nurse practitioners or physicians dispense the pills, and parents can sign an opt-out form preventing their daughters from taking part. Only about 1 to 2 percent of parents have opted out, according to the city Health Department.

The program is seen as a way to reduce a startling number: More than 7,000 New York City girls ages 15 to 17 get pregnant each year. More than two-thirds of those pregnancies end in abortions.

Southern governor backs Obamacare

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — President Barack Obama's health care overhaul has never been popular in Arkansas, a state where even most Democrats regard the law as politically toxic.

But with a quarter of the state's working-age population uninsured, Gov. Mike Beebe who once said he would have voted against the law now wants to use it to widen government-funded coverage to thousands of additional families. And he's relying on the move to help prevent a Republican takeover of the state Legislature for the first time since Reconstruction.

Romney rides Clinton's popularity wave

By Josh Lederman & Kasie Hunt

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Republican White House hopeful Mitt Romney is unlikely to win Bill Clinton's vote, but that doesn't mean he can't soak up a bit of the popular former president's luster.

The two men stood side by side Tuesday as Clinton introduced Romney before the GOP candidate's speech to Clinton's annual global conference in New York. Clinton recalled working with Romney to save AmeriCorps, and praised the former Massachusetts governor's efforts to persuade fellow Republicans to support the national service program.

Romney, taking the podium, returned the compliment.

"If there's one thing we've learned in this election season, by the way, it is that a few words from Bill Clinton can do a man a lot of good," he said, prompting loud laughter and applause from the crowd.

It was a clear nod to Clinton's speech praising President Barack Obama at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., earlier this month, and the slight uptick in the polls that Obama enjoyed soon after.

"All I got to do now is wait a few days for that bounce to happen," Romney quipped.

Such moments of bipartisan levity have been rare in a campaign marked by harsh accusations, heavy-handed rhetoric and relentless attack ads between the presidential campaigns and the outside groups that support them.

If there's one thing we've learned in this election season ... it is that a few words from Bill Clinton can do a man a lot of good.

— Mitt Romney, Republican presidential nominee

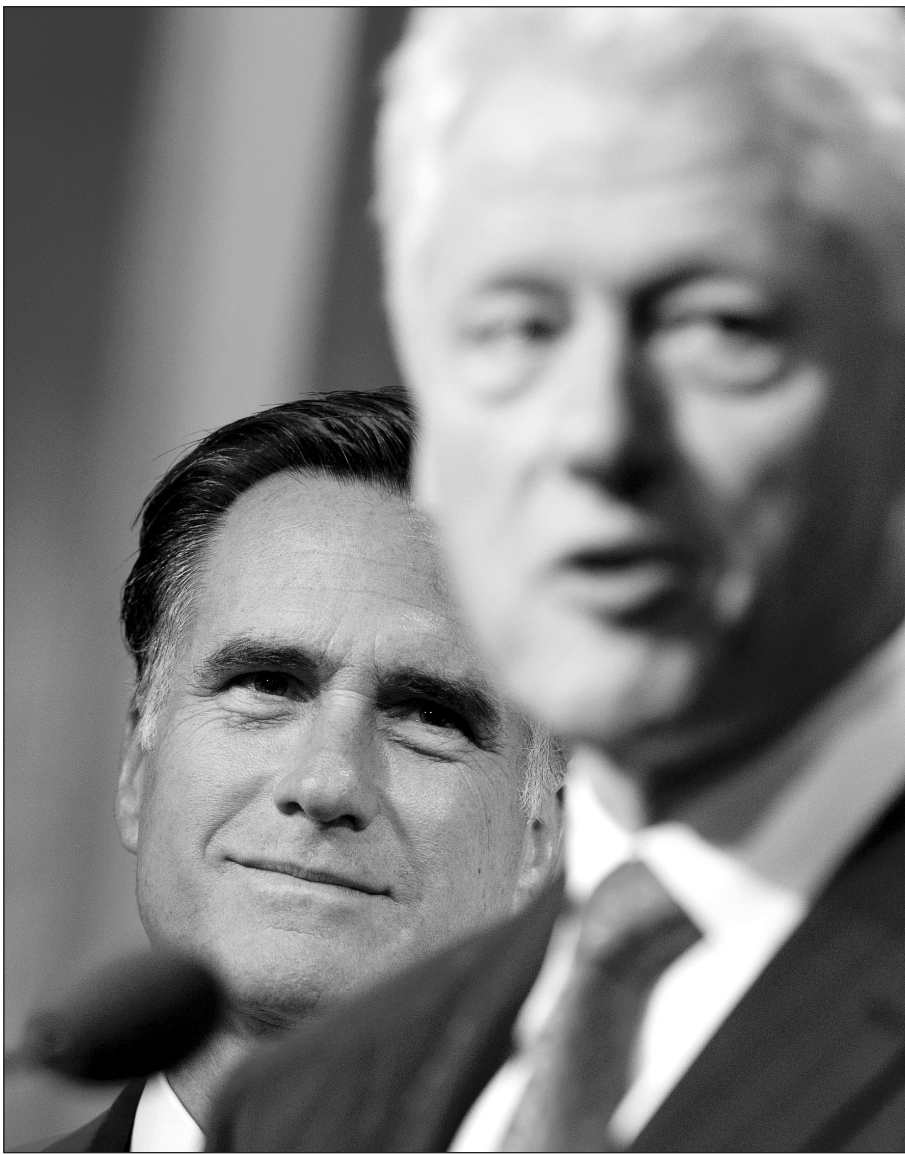
Obama's campaign currently is running one such ad against Romney that uses a clip of Clinton's convention speech where the former president says Romney wants to "take us back to the policies that got us into trouble in the first place."

But any resentment was noticeably absent Tuesday as Clinton and Romney appeared chummy, patting each other on the shoulder and chatting onstage after Romney's speech.

"That was good," Clinton told the man hoping to dislodge Clinton's party from the White House.

Before the speech, Romney spoke backstage with Clinton and Clinton's daughter, Chelsea, said Romney spokesman Rick Gorka. He declined to say what they discussed.

Clinton has an outsized influence on the presidential election more than a decade after he left office. Both Obama and Romney have pointed to Clinton's economic leadership as an example for the nation, citing prosperity and a federal



Evan Vucci | Associated Press

Former President Bill Clinton introduces Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, at the Clinton Global Initiative convention in New York, Tuesday.

budget that was balanced under his leadership.

Clinton is using the full weight of those credentials to boost Obama's bid. In his convention speech, he systematically rebutted Romney's attacks on Obama, accusing the Republican of pushing an economic plan that doesn't add up.

The Obama-Clinton political alliance was back on

display a few hours later when the two Democrats shared a handshake and a hug on the same stage where Romney had spoken earlier in the day.

Normal protocol, Clinton said, would require him to simply introduce the president and then be quiet.

"I just want to make one comment. I'm going to finish that speech I started in

Charlotte," he said, poking fun at himself over a sermon that at times seemed like it might never end.

Obama, before beginning a wrenching speech about human trafficking, thanked Clinton for the warm introduction.

"Although I have to admit," Obama joked, "I really did like the speech a few weeks ago a little bit better."



Adres Kudacki | Associated Press

Protesters march to the parliament against austerity measures announced by the Spanish government in Madrid, Spain, Tuesday.

Spaniards protest austerity

By Alan Clendenning

Associated Press

MADRID — Spain's government was hit by the country's financial crisis on two fronts Tuesday as protestors enraged with austerity cutbacks and tax hikes clashed with police near Parliament while the nation's borrowing costs increased in an auction of its debt.

More than 1,000 riot police blocked off access to the Parliament building in the heart of Madrid, forcing most protestors to crowd nearby avenues and shutting down traffic at the height of the evening rush hour.

Police used batons to push back some protestors at the front of the march attended by an estimated 6,000 people as tempers flared, and some demonstrators broke down barricades and threw rocks and bottles toward authorities.

Spanish state TV said at least 28 were injured, including two officers, and that 22 people were detained.

The demonstration,

organized with an "Occupy Congress" slogan, drew protestors from all walks of life weary of nine straight months of painful economic austerity measures imposed by Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy and his solid majority of lawmakers. Smaller demonstrations Tuesday attracted hundreds of protestors in Barcelona and Seville.

Angry Madrid marchers who got as close as they could to Parliament, 250 meters (yards) away, yelled "Get out!, Get out! They don't represent us! Fire them!"

"The only solution is that we should put everyone in Parliament out on the street so they know what it's like," said Maria Pilar Lopez, a 60-year-old government secretary.

Lopez and others called for fresh elections, claiming the government's hard-hitting austerity measures are proof that the ruling Popular Party misled voters when it won power last November in a landslide.

While Rajoy has said he has no plans to cut pensions for Spaniards, Lopez fears her retirement age could be raised from 65 to as much as

70. Three of her seven nieces and nephews have been laid off since Rajoy ousted Spain's Socialists, and she said the prospect of them finding jobs "is very bleak."

Spain is struggling in its second recession in three years with unemployment near 25 percent. The country has introduced austerity measures and economic reforms in a bid to convince its euro partners and investors that it is serious about reducing its bloated deficit to 6.3 percent of gross domestic product in 2012 and 4.5 percent next year.

The deficit reached €50.1 billion (\$64.8 billion), equivalent to 4.77 percent of GDP, through August, the government said Tuesday. Secretary of State for the Budget Marta Fernandez Curras said the deficit "is under control."

Spain has been under pressure from investors to apply for European Central Bank assistance in keeping its borrowing costs down. Rajoy has yet to say whether Madrid will apply for the aid, reluctant to ask since such assistance comes with strings attached.

Death of Libyan rebel calls for vengeance

By Aya Batrawy & Esam Mohamed

Associated Press

MISRATA, Libya — One of the young Libyan rebels credited with capturing Moammar Gadhafi in a drainage ditch nearly a year ago died Tuesday of injuries after being kidnapped, beaten and slashed by the late dictator's supporters — the latest victim of persistent violence and instability in the North African country.

The death of Omran Shaaban, who had been hospitalized in France, raised the prospect of even more violence and score-settling, with the newly elected National Congress authorizing police and the army to use force if necessary to apprehend those who abducted the 22-year-old and three companions in July near the town of Bani Walid.

Libya is battling lingering pockets of support for the old regime, and its government has been unable to rein in armed militias in a country rife with weapons. Earlier this month, a demonstration at the U.S. Consulate in the eastern city of Benghazi turned violent, killing four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador.

Shaaban was praised as a "dutiful martyr" by the National Congress, although his family says he never received a promised reward of 1 million Libyan dinars (\$800,000) for capturing Gadhafi on Oct. 20, 2011, in the former leader's hometown of Sirte. The eccentric dictator was killed later that day by revolutionary fighters.

The Libyan government said it would honor Shaaban with a funeral befitting a hero. His body was greeted

at the airport in his hometown of Misrata by more than 10,000 people for a procession to a soccer stadium for funeral prayers.

In the capital of Tripoli, several hundred protestors gathered outside the headquarters of the National Congress to demand that the government avenge Shaaban's death.

Shaaban's family said that he and three friends had been en route home to the western city of Misrata from a vacation in July when they were attacked by gunmen in an area called el-Shimekh near Bani Walid.

Shaaban and his friends, who like many Libyans were armed, fired back, the family said.

Two bullets hit Shaaban, and he was paralyzed from the waist down, his relatives said. The men were captured by militiamen from Bani Walid, a town of about 100,000 people that remains a stronghold of Gadhafi loyalists and is isolated from the rest of Libya.

When Shaaban was finally brought home, he was "skin and bones" — still paralyzed, frail and slipping in and out of consciousness, according to his brother, Abdullah Shaaban.

"It was clear he was beaten a lot," Abdullah Shaaban said. "His entire chest was sliced with razors. His face had changed. It wasn't my brother that I knew."

Omran Shaaban later was flown to France for medical treatment.

Abdullah Shaaban said his brother did not mind, saying he considered capturing Gadhafi to be his national duty.

Libya's president released a statement Tuesday vowing that those responsible for the violence against Omran Shaaban would be punished.

SHOTS

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from UHS with insurance, \$10 in cash or by adding the charge to their What I Owe page. Nurses, nursing students and pharmacy students will administer shots at each clinic.

Biology senior Camille Alilaen directed students to shot stations during Tuesday's clinic.

"The flu clinic is meant to reach as many students as possible," Alilaen said. "It helps make flu shots accessible to those who are away from home."

Nursing junior Erick Enriquez chose to get vaccinated Tuesday. Enriquez said although he did not pay with insurance, he still wanted the vaccination.

"I don't get sick too often, but I may need it for an emergency when I would get sick," he said. "I'm studying microbiology right now, and I know it can be very dangerous if you don't have the vaccine."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this year's flu shots will immunize against the H3N2 variant of the virus, and cases of it have been reported since July. Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services is holding flu shot clinics outside of UT to help prepare the Austin community for flu season.

Carole Barasch, manager of communications and community development at Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services, said the county ordered 6,000 doses of the vaccination to provide for the five flu shot clinics they have scheduled for this year's flu season.

UHS will continue to hold clinics through Thursday, Oct. 18 at various locations throughout campus. A complete flu shot schedule can be found at healthyhorns.utexas.edu.

NATION



Government professor James Gibson speaks to law and government scholars at the first installment of "Human Rights Happy Hour," an annual speaker series hosted by the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice Tuesday afternoon.

Shelby Tauber
Daily Texan Staff

Gibson discusses judicial election finance

By Jordan Rudner

For the last six years, former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has traveled the country, promoting the idea that state judicial elections lead to corruption and a decline in the Supreme Court's institutional legitimacy. A speaker on campus Tuesday as part of the first installment of this year's Human Rights Happy Hour Speaker Series, which is hosted by the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice. Though past speakers have

focused on international judicial issues, this year the series has a more domestic focus, said associate government professor Daniel Brinks, who moderated Tuesday's event.

"It's important for students as citizens to be well-informed, especially about things that directly affect the legitimacy of their governing institutions," Brinks said.

Gibson has written several books about the relationship between citizens and state courts in the American legal system, including his latest work, "Electing Judges: The Surprising Effects of Campaigning on Judicial Legitimacy." Gibson explained the premise of his new book, specifically focusing on his research about Kentucky citizens'

reactions to judicial political advertisements that recently inundated their airwaves. During the 2006 judicial elections, Gibson said 27 advertisements for judicial candidates aired a total of 3,850 times in the state. He said many of the ads were negative, but only 14 percent were classified as attack ads.

In recent years, many well-known judges and legal scholars have campaigned against judicial elections, claiming that direct elections for judges lead to corruption and the public perception of judges as "politicians in robes," Gibson said. Most eminent among these activists is former Justice O'Connor, who in 2009 founded the O'Connor Judicial Selection Project, an

initiative that encourages states to switch to a merit selection system in which a nonpartisan committee recommends judges who the public votes to retain or remove.

However, Gibson said his research has led him to a different conclusion about the impact of the elections. He said public elections do not adversely affect the public perception of state courts' legitimacy.

"Two-thirds of the respondents in our Kentucky survey became more supportive of the state court over the course of the [2006] election, even after watching negative ads," Gibson said.

After Gibson spoke, UT associate government and law professor H. W. Perry Jr. served as the event's re-

spondent, challenging some of Gibson's findings on the basis of insufficient data.

"One has to acknowledge the corrosive nature of the negative ads that come with these elections," Perry said. "Reputations are slow to build, and very slow to die. What bothers me about the Kentucky study is that we haven't been around long enough to understand what's really happening, and delegitimizing of the court isn't going to happen over the course of just one election."

Perry said it is too soon to analyze the effect of the money being poured into judicial election campaigns, whose budgets have spiked after the Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission.

CAMPUS



Professors David Edwards and Bethany Albertson, with Texas Politics Project director James Henson, discuss the 2012 election with UT students at "The Amazing Race," presented by the Liberal Arts Council Tuesday.

Shelby Tauber
Daily Texan Staff

Panel discusses 2012 election

By Lazaro Hernandez

Professors in the College of Liberal Arts discussed the potential impact and historical value of the 2012 presidential elections and other aspects of this election season at a panel Tuesday.

The Liberal Arts Council presented "The Amazing Presidential Race," an open discussion about the 2012 U.S. presidential elections, as part of Liberal Arts Week. Government professor David Edwards, assistant government professor Bethany Albertson and Texas Politics project director James Henson formed part of the panel discussing the election and answering student questions.

The factors marking the current presidential election as "unique" and "amazing" were one of the first issues addressed by the panel. Albertson said the role religion and race are playing in this election sets it apart from any other in U.S. history.

"We have an African-American and a Mormon running for the presidency and this is huge," she said. "No way would this have

been the case 20 years ago."

Henson said every election can be considered historic, although in retrospect they seem less so. He said the only thing he considers that makes this election historic is the clear definition between the two candidates.

"There is an interesting contrast between the parties that make us feel like we are making real choices," Henson said. "We are especially seeing that in [the candidates'] rhetoric and the policy proposals."

Students in the audience were asked to send in their questions about the election through Twitter using the hashtag #lacvotes2012. One of the issues raised through this medium was the importance of Latino voters in the current presidential election. Edwards said the power of the Latino vote could have a heavy impact on the election but their reluctance to vote poses a big setback.

"Nobody seems to know how to get Latinos to the polls, and that's the problem," Edwards said. "If Latinos start turning in at elections, they will transform the elections in many states, not just Texas."

Among the other issues raised during the discussion were the importance of drug and foreign policies, women's issues and the role of a candidate's public image in this year's presidential campaign.

Sonali Kalvala, Liberal Arts Council co-chair for academic affairs, organized the event. She said the goal of the discussion was to give students the opportunity to actively engage in the election.

"The presidential election happens every four years and as young students it's something that we should be taking part of," Kalvala said. "We wanted students to interact with professors and have this discussion that would inevitably help them make a political decision in the future."

At the end of the event and in honor of National Voter Registration Day, the Liberal Arts Council registered students to vote.

"Politics are important for every citizen but also as young adults," Kalvala said. "Now that we're in college, these decisions impact us more than ever. Although we are students, we determine the future."

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BASEBALL

Horns refuse to dwell on past

By Garrett Callahan

Almost exactly four months ago, Texas had its season end too soon. In late May, the Longhorns were not chosen to play in the NCAA tournament.

It's a new year, and Tuesday marked the start of fall practice for the team. The Longhorns hit the field with no thoughts about rebuilding the team after last year's disappointing season. Texas finished the 2012 season last spring with a 30-22 record and 13-10 mark in conference play. The Longhorns were eliminated after two games in the Big 12 Championship and didn't make the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1998.

"That's not Texas baseball, that's not who we are," said junior Mark Payton. "We know we have the talent. We always get the best talent. It's whether or not we come together as a team. That's how you win ball games."

With the No. 15 recruiting class in the nation coming in this year, the team is ignoring all the "starting over" and "rebuilding" talk going on about the team.

"Every year is a new beginning and every day is a new opportunity, there's no question about that," head coach Augie Garrido said.

Garrido, who is college baseball's winningest head coach, is trying to teach his players a new vocabu-



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Head coach Augie Garrido spoke to the press on Tuesday. It marked the first day of fall practice for the Longhorns and rather than focusing on their struggles from last season, the team is focusing on this season.

lary and use last year as a learning experience.

The coaching staff wants the players to settle into their routines and do what they do naturally while also recognizing that they motivate themselves and can overcome any negative thoughts that might come into their heads.

"We are asking them to take one goal a day from offense," Garrido said. "One goal a day from defense,

and one goal a day from the mental game and see how they do with that one day at a time. Each day provides an opportunity for learning. There are no failures. Whatever goes bad or doesn't work out well is an opportunity to learn what you need to do to correct it."

For the players, they believe that rebuilding doesn't represent Texas. Rebuilding for them sounds like a year-by-year process, but they be-

lieve they can fix their problems this year. All they want to do is move on and focus.

"We're just starting a new year. We don't need to start over," said pitcher Nathan Thornhill. "We got a great group of guys in that locker room, some new young ones that'll help contribute. We have a goal in front of us that we want to accomplish, and we can this year."

With a lot of impressive recruits coming in, both

freshmen and junior college transfers, competition will push them to their potential. Every position has multiple players that are good enough to play everyday.

"I love having competition. I love having competition everywhere," junior infielder Alex Silver said. "There are no days off. We have off days Saturday and Sunday, and hopefully all

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo

Jordan Hicks is an important leader and weapon for the linebackers. He is recovering from a hip injury and his likely absence from the game on Saturday will leave a big hole in the defense.

Key players dealing with injuries

By Lauren Giudice

Although the bye week came at a good time for some of the injured Longhorns, it may not have been enough time for them to be ready for the team's first conference matchup Saturday.

Junior linebacker Jordan Hicks' hip injury is potentially the biggest injury problem the team faces. The team's leading

tackler, Hicks is crucial to the young linebacker corps.

His replacement will have far less experience than him. It will likely be Kendall Thompson, Dalton Santos or Tevin Jackson.

"There will be competition again this week if Jordan is not in there," head coach Mack Brown said. "They're young, so making good plays, but they're not playing consistently well. So we have

to get better across the board at linebacker."

Kicker Anthony Fera has yet to see action in orange, and it doesn't look like he will be playing in Stillwater, Okla. Nick Jordan will continue kicking but has had limited success so far this season. Brown was told that it would take Fera four to six weeks to recover from his injuries.

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FOOTBALL COLUMN

Defense must step up against high-scorers

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Sports Editor

What was expected to be a dominant defense was anything but in Texas' win over Ole Miss two weekends ago.

The Longhorns gave up 31 points and 399 yards of offense (not including a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown), and they made plenty of mistakes during their recent bye week. Now a trip to Stillwater to face an Oklahoma State team that leads the nation in scoring (62.3 points per game) and total offense (686.7 yards per game) looms.

West Virginia, Oklahoma and Baylor, who have averaged a collective 45.3 points per game this season, are up next.

"This is it," cornerback Carrington Byndom said. "This is where we'll finally find out what our team is made of. After these next four games, we'll sit back and evaluate ourselves and see where we're at. But we're just taking it one game at a time: Oklahoma State, West

Virginia, OU, Baylor."

Texas has surrendered 34 plays of at least 10 yards this year, nine more than they had allowed through three games last season. Defensive coordinator Manny Diaz said that his unit missed 11 tackles in the Longhorns' 66-31 victory in Oxford two Saturdays ago, allowing the Rebels an extra 120 yards, including two that accounted for 97 yards.

"They're correctable issues," head coach Mack Brown said of his defense's miscues. "They're angles on tackles. They're getting heads down. We had a really good week of tackling last week. We took out every missed tackle and addressed it ... We've always had tackling drills, but there was more emphasis on it last week. We spent more time and more effort and really worked at making sure they understand that we do think it's an issue."

It hasn't been all bad. Texas has forced seven turnovers and scored 42 points off of those takeaways. The

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VOLLEYBALL

Eckerman helps Texas remain undefeated in Big 12 play

By Rachel Thompson

In its second Big 12 match, No. 9 Texas swept Baylor 3-0 Tuesday in Waco, holding the Bears to a .050 hitting percentage.

"We're trying to formulate something where we can win the conference but also have a chance to be a final-four team to contend for a national championship," head coach Jerrett Elliott said Saturday. "It's not just about putting out a lineup. It's about figuring out how players perform and

giving them opportunities in different scenarios to see how that goes."

The Longhorns were led by outside hitter Haley Eckerman, who notched 14 kills, five digs and two blocks. Junior setter Hannah Allison tied her career-high five kills and pitched in 30 assists, while outside hitter Bailey Webster tacked on 11 kills.

Baylor had a 6-2 run early in the first set, but two Baylor errors and an ace by libero Sarah Palmer allowed Texas to capture the lead. Eckerman had three additional

kills, but Baylor began to catch up and narrow Texas' lead. Webster finished the set with a kill, winning the first set for Texas.

The second set saw a similar early lead by the Bears. Eckerman's solo block added to a 6-1 Texas streak, and Eckerman later finalized the match to give the Horns a 2-0 lead.

A strong opening gave Texas an early lead in the third set, but Baylor kept it close at 13-12 in the middle of the set. A block

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Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Haley Eckerman led the Longhorns to a win in Waco with 14 kills, five digs and two blocks. Texas is undefeated in conference play.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Notre Dame ends Michigan series.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Notre Dame is opting out of its series with Michigan, meaning the last scheduled game between college football's winningest programs will take place in 2014.

A letter from Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick to Michigan athletic director Dave Brandon cancelling games in 2015-2017 was obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Brandon to ld the AP he was handed the letter on the field in South Bend, Ind., about an hour before Saturday night's game.

"I put the letter in my pocket and didn't bother to read it right away because I was focused on the game we were about to play," Brandon said. "I read it on the way home Sunday morning."

The Fighting Irish recently decided to move to the Atlantic Coast Conference in every sport except football and hockey, though the football team will play five games a year against league opponents, starting no later than 2015.

"While this move is a necessary precaution as we begin the process of meeting our new scheduling commitment to the ACC," Swarbrick wrote in his letter to Brandon, "please know that Notre Dame very much values its relationship with Michigan and we look forward to working with you to ensure that our great football rivalry can continue."

—Associated Press

WRESTLING

Wrestling provides competition for students

By **Evan Berkowitz**

The team doesn't have its own competition mat — it has to borrow one from the Texas School for the Deaf.

It doesn't have scholarships, or really anything else, to offer.

These are just some of the problems that Longhorn Wrestling faces as a club sport, not a varsity sport.

But in the wake of all of the challenges, the team is pushing itself to achieve a level of competition that hasn't been reached since the rebirth of the club in 2006.

"We have more commitment coming from our guys," senior club president Michael Mahoney said. "Guys are starting to enforce rules. A few years ago, it was 'Show up when you wanted to practice.' Now you are required to show up to a certain number of practices."

This newfound commitment could be seen at 6 a.m. Saturday as 32 wrestlers spent five-and-a-half hours doing rope runs, curls, push-ups, sit-ups, up-downs, buddy carries, squats and more to top off hell week.

"Obviously that shows a huge commitment," Bob Moore, head coach and National Wrestling Hall of Fame inductee, said. "During hell week the majority of wrestlers showed up to all the workouts. All of our returning wrestlers are more determined and driven for excellence."

Not only are they committed in workouts, but they are committed in the student administration side of things, as all club sports must be.



Photo courtesy of Robert Moore

The UT club wrestling team lifts weights during one of its practices. Though the sport isn't a varsity sport, the workout regimen is very strict and requires a huge commitment. The team hopes to place at nationals this year and have one or two All-Americans.

"We have to do nearly everything ourselves," Mahoney said. "We get a little bit of money from the school, but we raise over 75 percent of our money through dues and fundraisers. It's truly student-run."

With this newfound dedication and commitment, Longhorn Wrestling plans to accomplish more than last year, when it sent five wrestlers to nationals.

"We don't just plan to send

kids to nationals. We plan on placing at nationals this year," sophomore wrestler Jordan Hildreth said.

And with the National Collegiate Wrestling Association realigning the conferences, Texas wrestling now competes with clubs in Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arkansas. But the only state that has actual teams is Texas.

"We will be competing against only Texas

universities for bids to nationals," Moore said. "I am confident we will be able to place one person in each weight class. I expect at least eight people to go to nationals and at least one or two to be All-Americans."

Moore singles out senior vice president John DeMis, juniors Jack Carlson and Jordan Bridgers and sophomore Hildreth as wrestlers he is confident in to achieve big things this year.

But the true challenge is keeping the club up and running.

"One of my goals is to facilitate the student administration and keep it running like a well-oiled machine," DeMis said. "I'd like to know this program will be around five to 10 years down the road."

But to be able to continue its success, the wrestling program wants the support of the University.

"We need this to be a university program," Moore said, "We hope that people will come support us. The student athletes deserve to have the recognition that the mainstream student athletes get for their hard work and dedication."

The team's first meet will be Oct. 27.

"This is going to be our best team ever," DeMis said. "Watch out for us. We are going to do big things."

GOLF

Comeback too late for Horns

By **Peter Sblendorio**

A final round surge Tuesday was not enough to put the Texas men's golf team over the top at the PING/Golfweek Preview as the Longhorns finished the three-day event in a tie for third.

No. 2 Texas recorded its best score of the tournament on the final day, carding an even-par 280 as a team. After starting the day in a tie for seventh, the Longhorns climbed to a tie for third place with University of Nevada-Las Vegas, but their overall score of 13-over 853 was eight strokes behind the leaders.

Georgia Tech and California tied for first place by each tallying a score of 5-over 845 to lead the 15-team field.

After leading at the conclusion of each of the first two rounds, UCLA slipped to a tie for fifth after shooting an 8-over 288 Tuesday.

Tom Berry of San Diego State finished atop the individual leaderboard with a three-day score of 2-under 208 and was the only player to record a score under par. Eight players tied for second place by each shooting a score of even-par 210.

Freshman Brandon Stone and senior Julio Vegas led the Longhorns in the event, carding scores of 3-over 213 to tie for 16th among individuals. Junior Toni Hakula finished in a tie for 26th by shooting a 5-over 215, and sophomore Jordan Spieth and senior Cody Gribble tied for 35th after each recording a score of 7-over



Brandon Stone
Freshman golfer

217 for the tournament.

After winning their first tournament of the year at the Carpet Capital Collegiate earlier in September, the defending national champion Longhorns were unable to carry their momentum into their second event. They will get their next opportunity to claim first in an event at the Isleworth Collegiate Invitational in Windermere, Fla., which takes place Oct. 21-23.

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the guys are going to be out there. It's great that you can't just throw away an at-bat. You have to embrace competition and take advantage of it."

The Longhorns want to instill three main points during their fall practices and scrimmages: work ethic, the players' willingness to sacrifice for the team and the competitive attitude of the team. Garrido compared his team to the Dallas Cowboys, saying you can have all the talent you can

get, but without teamwork it's nothing.

"We have two main goals in these fall practices," Garrido said. "To get to know each other and to build our confidence. Until you know someone you can't really help them. We don't create the player; we reinforce the things they don't do as well so that they themselves can be [better players]. We have to get to know them before we can do that, and they have to get to know us. One key-

word is trust."

While the Longhorns are viewing this year as a new experience, they have already forgotten about last year. In an interview Garrido jokingly asked a reporter what happened last year. They have already put it out of their heads. The start of fall practice and these scrimmages are a time for the team to learn about each other and get better as a whole. The six-time national champions are sure that this year can be different for them.

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by utilities Madelyn Hutson and Sha'Dare McNeal was followed by two Baylor blocks to place the set at a close 24-22, but a hitting error by Baylor allowed Texas to polish off the sweep.

The game marked a quick turnaround after Saturday's

match against Oklahoma, but Elliott said the closeness of games does not alter the team's routines.

"I'm really big in terms of our routines," he said. "We've got to get used to playing in different gyms, so this is a good opportunity for us."

The Baylor atmosphere also provided a good challenge for the Longhorns, Elliott said.

"Our conference has some

good wings, and they're a good team," he said. "It's in-state pride, and we take a lot of pride in it, as do they. For us it's still about playing on our side of the net. We're still focusing on the other team, but how we play the game is our key."

The Longhorns will be on the road again this weekend, traveling to another Texas town to play Texas Tech Saturday at 2 p.m.

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"I think we're at six weeks," Brown said.

Joe Bergeron injured his shoulder during the game against Ole Miss. But after practicing Tuesday, he confirmed that he will play Saturday.

Defense preparing for two quarterbacks

Even though the Longhorns will be studying film of the Oklahoma State offense, there isn't much for them to go off of. They don't even know who the Oklahoma starter will be.

With freshman Wes Lunt's status unclear after an injury during the Cowboys' game against Louisiana-Lafayette, fellow freshman J.W. Walsh may take the reigns of the offense again.

"It's going to be tough. Both of those guys are great players," cornerback Quandre Diggs said. "I think one is more of a dual threat, one is more of

a pocket quarterback. At the same time, you have to focus on both of those things because you have different keys."

Although Lunt just got his cast off this week, the Longhorns will prepare for both quarterbacks. Brown said this is a difficult task, but the defense is up to the challenge.

Don't let the Cowboys having two leading freshmen mislead you. They are ranked No. 1 in total offense in the country, averaging 686.67 yards per game.

Texas hopes to handle success well

Last year when the Longhorns defeated Texas A&M for the last time, they came back to Austin and were pounded by Baylor. A similar situation happened when the team defeated Texas Tech 52-20 and then went to Missouri and lost while failing to score

a touchdown.

Granted, injuries were an attributing factor in the loss to Mizzou, but Brown hopes the team will remain grounded and continue to build upon its success. For an offense that hasn't gotten much praise the past two years, it will be vital that it continues its success.

"One of the question marks with this year's team: They've made progress each week. Can they continue to build on that progress and get better even with people ragging on them? Around here it's usually really high or really low; you don't get anything in the middle," Brown said.

The Cowboys lead the nation with an average of 62.33 points per game. Although the Longhorns' win over Ole Miss showed signs of progress, they will need to continue that to defeat the Cowboys, a team they have lost to the last two times they have met.



Cornerback Quandre Diggs, along with the rest of the defense, has struggled with giving up big plays this season.

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Longhorns have committed just one turnover, losing a bad snap in their season opener against Wyoming. The Cowboys turned the ball over on downs on the ensuing possession, and Texas found the end zone and the next drive. Still, the defense's performance in that 37-17 win left something to be desired.

"Even after the first game, I was in a bad mood," cornerback Quandre Diggs said.

"When you don't play as great as you want to play, you get upset and down on yourself, because I know you guys have standards about how we play, but whatever you guys think, just know that we think twice as highly of ourselves."

The Longhorns have it in them to improve. They led the Big 12 in rushing and passing defense last season. But with several high-powered offenses on the

horizon, Texas has to play better defensively beginning this weekend than it did two weekends ago.

"You've got to make big plays, but you can't give them up," safety Kenny Vaccaro said. "I didn't really notice it was as bad as it was until I watched some film. At least you can correct those things. Some things you can't correct, like being a certain athlete. But we have the athletes."

NFL

Controversial call leads to widespread outrage

By Chris Jenkins
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Entire stadiums have booed them. The Patriots' Bill Belichick grabbed one by the arm and the Redskins' Kyle Shanahan was so hopping mad he followed one into the tunnel after the game. But it took the team that Vince Lombardi built, playing in a "Monday Night Football" headliner, to put the NFL's latest labor headache — locked-out officials and their struggling, under-fire replacements — front and center for the nation. Even President Barack Obama, a Bears fan slogging through a re-election campaign, weighed

in Tuesday, saying, "We've got to get our refs back." The NFL stood fast, giving no sign Tuesday that it was close to reaching a new labor pact with the referees' union. LeBron James tweeted he was "sick" about it and Dirk Nowitzki said he was "not gonna watch another nfl game until real refs" return, while fans pretty much everywhere except Seattle concluded that Green Bay was robbed. "I don't really want to give them money if they're going to be greedy about things," said Packers fan Chris Kroening, who lives in Milwaukee. "It's just not that fun to watch any more. I can find better things to

do on a Sunday afternoon than watch refs make bad calls." It all started when Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson's last-gasp pass into the end zone appeared to be hauled down by Packers defensive back M.D. Jennings while Seahawks receiver Golden Tate also got his hands on the ball. Two replacement officials made contrasting signals — one indicated a touchdown, the other an interception — and they eventually ruled on the field that Tate had simultaneous possession with Jennings, which counts as a reception by the offensive player. Touchdown, Seattle. Game over, Packers.

The NFL acknowledged Tuesday that Tate should have been flagged for offensive pass interference earlier on the play, which would have ended the game with a Packers victory. But league officials said the referee was correct that no indisputable visual evidence existed on a replay review to overturn the touchdown call. The result of the game, 14-12 Seattle, was final. That's certainly not how the Packers saw it, insisting that Jennings clearly had intercepted the pass. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers called it "awful" in his postgame interview and he didn't let up Tuesday. He called the league's



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Officials signal after Golden Tate pulled in a last-second pass for a touchdown to defeat the Green Bay Packers, 14-12.

conclusion "garbage" and said the officials were responsible for a "phantom" pass interference call earlier against the Packers before having "zero communication" after the final play. "The games are getting out of control, and like I said in the first week, I said this, I'm OK with the replacement refs as long as they don't have a direct impact on the game," Rodgers said. "Obviously, last night, there was a direct impact on the game."

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Parkour jumps to new heights at UT

By Eli Watson

While the parkour phenomenon has faded through the years, some parkour enthusiasts in Austin are keeping the trend alive. Although American popular culture has glamorized parkour as an extravagant, “I-only-jump-from-the-tallest-exploding-buildings” lifestyle, the discipline’s philosophical backbone is what true parkour trainers enjoy.

“Parkour training requires one to go through a process of confronting and overcoming fear to perform new actions with new obstacles,” computer science senior Aidan Coyne said. Coyne serves as one of the leaders of UT’s Parkour Austin organization, formed in 2008.

The concept of parkour has been around for more than 100 years. French stunt coordinator David Belle coined the term “parkour” in 1988, and the practice has been referred to as such ever since. Inspired by his training and the teachings from his father, Raymond Belle, David Belle popularized parkour in the 1990s. The discipline’s popularity would help it grow to become a

worldwide sensation.

“There’s something beautiful about the discipline,” Patrick Yang, UT graduate and Parkour Austin member, said. “When you’re out there on the pavement, there aren’t other players like in basketball or added mechanical factors like in skateboarding. There is only you, your skill and your judgment.”

Yang began parkour training in 2007 and has since become a devoted practitioner. He’s even worked with Austin parkour professional Matthew Willis, who has practiced parkour for more than 10 years.

Under the tutelage of first-generation parkour athletes (commonly known as Yamakasi,) Willis went on to create several parkour organizations that are still around today: Texas Parkour, Texas Parkour Academy and Parkour Federation.

“I want to help those who truly want to understand the philosophy behind parkour,” Willis said. “Having learned from the Yamakasi, I would like to share my knowledge with anyone interested.”

Such knowledge is important considering the misconceptions surrounding parkour.

In ignoring parkour’s philosophy on overcoming fear, pop culture has shaped the practice into a spectacle.

“By and large, we do not scale buildings or jump off of tall structures,” Yang said. “That image is to parkour what Jackie Chan is to kung fu: highly stylized for your entertainment but not very realistic.”

Willis is ambivalent about pop culture’s hand in parkour’s rising popularity.

“I do not fear [what parkour has become in the mainstream,] but I don’t embrace it, either,” Willis said.

This issue with parkour is an ongoing discussion, but some parkour practitioners have made a career out of their training. Marcus Lincoln is one them. He’s a sponsored athlete in Austin with American Parkour and coaches gymnastics at Crenshaw Athletic Club. However, Lincoln’s devotion to parkour is much more than a paycheck: it’s a lifestyle.

“My life revolves around parkour,” Lincoln said. “Parkour is not a practice that can easily be forgotten. After a certain point of investment, the amount of alteration to your perspective of the world around you is



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Patrick Yang leads parkour participants during a training session on campus Saturday evening. Parkour involves overcoming obstacles by moving from one point to another as quickly and efficiently as possible.

changed significantly.”

Like other parkour advocates, Lincoln enjoys the self-awareness that comes with the discipline.

“Through parkour practitioners are able to better understand themselves, the environment around them and the relationships between them,” he said.

This desire to be more in tune with themselves is what keeps most parkour participants coming back for more.

“More than adrenaline, more than the thrills, this is what’s addictive: the mastery over my own body,” Yang said. “Obstacles in my life seem less daunting, more trivial, when I have the mindset that I can improve them and then come back later to conquer them.”

If there is anything to take from parkour, it is this: be fearless, climb your walls as best as you can (be it figurative or literal) and most importantly, land safely.

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remaining location at the intersection of 22nd and Guadalupe streets through a sweat equity agreement. Two years later, she and her husband opened the North location on Dean Keeton Drive with only \$20,000. When they couldn’t even afford the sign to advertise their new storefront, Dobbins painted Jenn’s name on a wooden shingle.

These days, both of Jenn’s storefronts have legitimate signage. Dobbins runs the South store and Jenn the North. Although they “run

[the] business as a team,” and work only a few blocks apart, Jenn still blushed and admitted, “The hardest part is that we have to split up every day. We always say to each other, ‘I wish you were in my store!’”

Although her prices haven’t changed in nearly 30 years — Jenn’s Copies still charges six cents a sheet for self-service copies — the store does well, especially by students. Jenn recently found a way to reduce copyright costs for students by petitioning to use the University’s Academic copyright license, a blanket copyright license that allows the University to use certain intellectual

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“This was the first semester that we had course packets that went for \$22 instead of \$60,” Jenn said. “It’s not all of them, but it’s some of them.”

A quiet, final testament to Jenn’s love for the business and the students that patronize it sits just to the left of her cash register: cans of Coca-Colas priced at 50 cents.

“We have the cheapest Coke on campus,” Jenn said. Why? Jenn “remember[s] what it’s like to be a broke college student, too.”

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“I wouldn’t do it,” said Officer Layne Brewster, a crime prevention specialist with UTPD. But she offered solid advice for those who want to give it a shot, anyway.

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Brewster also brought up valid arguments about overlooked safety issues.

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Despite potential worries, some students showed interest in the app. Studio art sophomore Jannice Truong said she might participate, remarking that she spends a lot of time waiting for the bus and pedicabs, which can charge a hefty price.

“I wouldn’t do it by myself,” she said.

Mechanical engineering junior Habeeb Mu-deer said he wouldn’t mind giving rides if payment was involved.

“[It] depends on if they were a college student,” he said.

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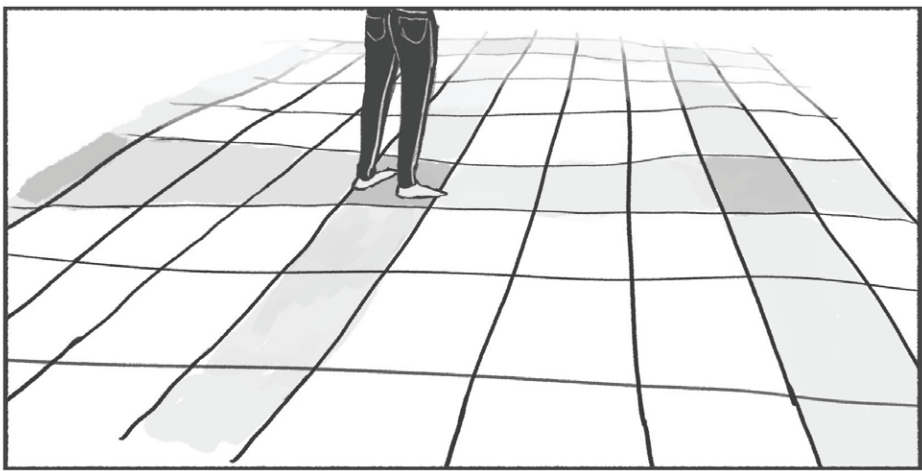
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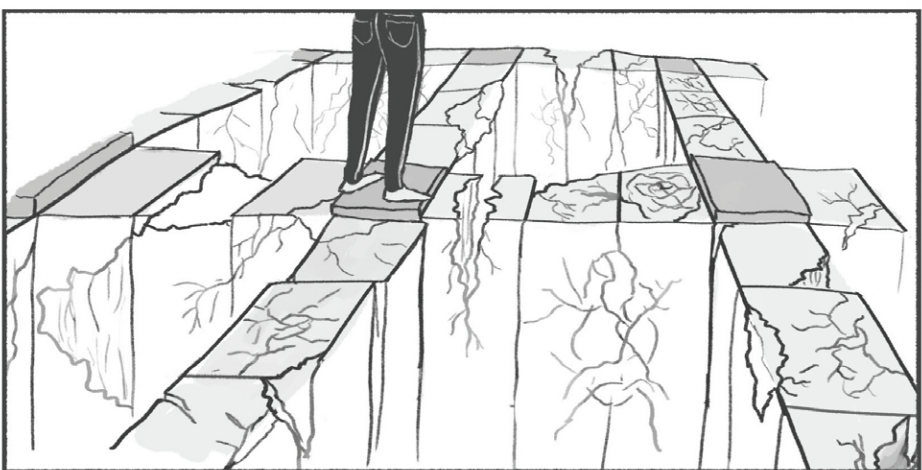
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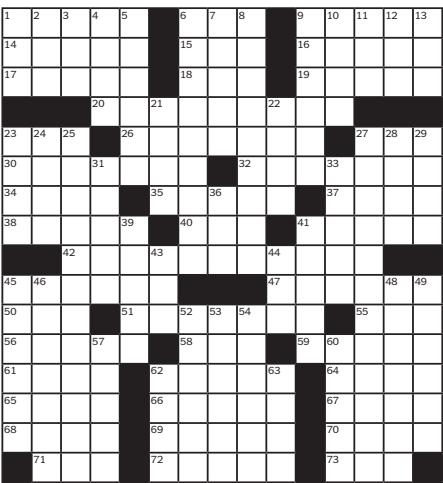
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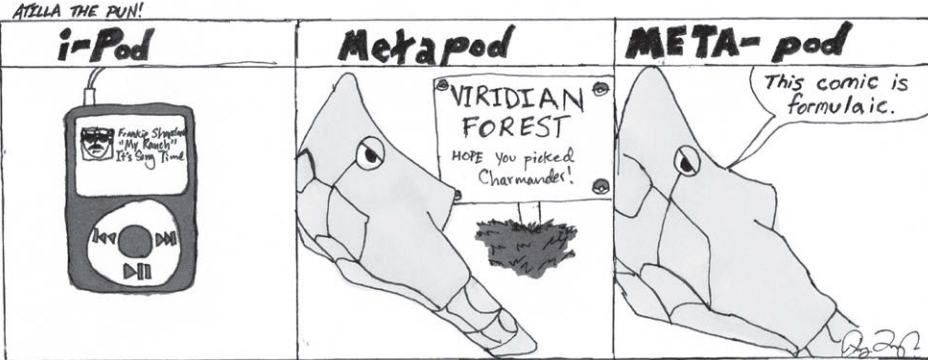
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A CAUTIONARY TALE

BUSINESS

Jenn's family business celebrates 30 years on Drag

By Laura Wright

Jenn's Copies will celebrate 30 years of business on the Drag this October with little fanfare but many requests for color copies. Jenn herself, full name Jennifer Hillhouse, couldn't be prouder, fanfare or not. Although students might imagine the woman behind the efficient and compact chain of copy stores to be a one-dimensional character, she's as bold and memorable as the oversized awning that tops her North location. And when Jenn tells the admirable story of the little shop on Guadalupe Street, she makes making copies downright interesting.

Jenn's father bought the store, at the time part of an AlphaGraphics franchise, in 1982. Jenn started working the register at the age of 12.

"I made \$2.75 an hour, and I felt rich," Jenn said. At the counter, her father taught both her and her sister to count back change the old-fashioned way: with math.

"When my sister and I would train at the cash register, I would always give back too little change while my sister always gave back too much," she said. Jenn's

stingy math prompted her father to joke that she had the mind for business in the family. Jenn's math improved substantially, but her father was right about her mind for business. In 1992, Jenn graduated from UT with a degree in international business and a minor in finance. That same year, her father bought out the AlphaGraphics franchise and renamed it after his eldest daughter.

Jenn said it is possible the name change was an unobvious hint from her father about taking over the family business. If it was, Jenn missed it. Immediately after college, Jenn went corporate. She took off for Germany and then Singapore, where she worked as a logistics consultant for Alfred Kaercher GmbH & Co., a manufacturer of cleaning equipment. "I was probably one of the youngest middle managers ever when I transferred to Singapore," Jenn said. "It was an amazing experience ... I felt that my success in the corporate world was based solely on the work ethic I learned from my parents."

But five-and-a-half years into the job, the currency crisis of '97, the end of her lease in Singapore and her sister's



Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan Staff

Jennifer Hillhouse, owner of Jenn's Copies, had a knack for business even before studying the subject at UT. Thirty years later, Jenn's Copies maintains a strong presence with its two locations on the Drag.

marriage all combined to persuade Jenn to move back to the United States and work for her father. Back in Austin, her father encouraged her to look at her options.

One of those options, it

turned out, was reconnecting with her future husband. James Dobbins Hillhouse, known as Dobbins, was an employee of Jenn's father who Jenn had known in passing in college. In what Jenn suspects

was a matchmaking attempt, her father sent her and Dobbins on a business trip to a regional software conference. The two fell hard.

Fast-forward more than a decade: Jenn and Dobbins

have two children and two copy shops. Upon her father's retirement in 2003, Jenn began the process of buying out her father's only

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BUSINESS

Heyride! app offers Austin iPhone owners new way to travel

By René Castro

A UT alumnus has created an app that intends to take the stress out of finding a ride around the ever-growing Austin area. Still in its beta phase, Heyride! allows people signed up as riders to mark their present location and designate where they want to go. Other users signed up as drivers then make bids to the rider for how much money they think the ride is worth. Riders select the driver they want and are picked up and taken wherever they need to go.

"Austin is the perfect place to do this," CEO of Heyride! Josh Huck said.

Huck, who graduated from UT in 2009, said that the sense of community that inherently exists in Austin could be a big factor in the success of this new app. He came up with the idea in March during SXSW.

"I saw a normal-looking guy in a Volvo. I remember looking at that guy, and I thought, 'If I could give him five bucks to get me to my office, that would be awesome,'" Huck said.

Although this new app comes with many potential safety concerns, Huck was quick to nullify any doubts.

"Safety is a top priority, as is privacy," Huck said.

True to those words, Heyride! has a number of safety features. Drivers cannot see

the exact location of the potential rider until the rider agrees to be picked up. No cash money is ever exchanged between rider and driver. Transactions are done automatically with a credit card number through the app. Neither the rider nor the driver are ever given each other's phone number, as all phone calls are made through the app.

Additionally, driver and rider integrity is crucial to safety, so numerous features are dedicated to letting drivers and riders know just whom they are riding with. On top of a five-star rating system,

drivers and riders can give each other reviews. One interesting feature is the "Social Driver" screening process. When a driver first signs up on the app, they login with their Facebook account. Until they have successfully given a set number of rides and achieved a high enough rating, they can only give rides to their Facebook friends or friends of their Facebook friends. If this isn't a viable option, drivers can purchase a background check. Once they clear either of those, they are



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five most
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Plus: Crazy confessions from downtown's pedicab drivers

Editor's Note

The University of Texas may be recognized for its academic reputation, ranking No. 30 in The Center for World University Rankings this past July, but we're also known as one of the top party schools in the nation.

And while this isn't something we'd brag about to our parents, some could argue that participating in Austin nightlife helps promote time management and the motivation to get your work done before

you go out. Okay, that might be a stretch, but it's possible, right?

Regardless, Longhorn Life thought the Austin nightlife worthy enough to dedicate an entire edition this fall. And you're in luck! We've created a comprehensive guide, from deals to dives, for your next downtown adventure.

Our feature story on page 15 details several of the more popular destinations, profiling patrons and bartend-

ers on what they think makes their bar great.

We even have some hilarious — and raunchy — stories from pedicab drivers. Trust me, you'll be shocked by the accounts of their late-night riders.

If you're tired of frequenting the same, often over-crowded, bars on Dirty Sixth, check out our picks for the best, underrated bar scenes in Austin (page 14).

And for those suffering from the midnight

munchies after a hard night of dancing, we've listed the best places to grab a bite to eat while in your drunken stupor — don't worry, they won't judge you too much (page 5).

If you're watching your budget, but still want to make the most of your weekends, check out our listings of popular Austin happy hours (for both drinkers and non-drinkers) on page 11.

Channing Holman's "Pub Crawls

for a Cause" even details how your downtown party habits can help benefit University student organizations such as UNICEF (page 8).

But whether you're a nightlife expert or are just now learning the ropes, be sure to stay safe, think responsibly and most importantly, have fun.

Cheers!

Emily Morgan
Special editions editor

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Spotlight

Showcasing students around campus

LOVE THAT STYLE!

by Katie Noriega

Photos by Joyce Isleta

Jesse Ortega

nutrition freshman

Classy yet comfortable, Jesse Ortega knows how to turn heads. His fashion style comes from his aspiration to have a “pretty boy” look while staying relaxed throughout the day.

Style pet peeve: bright-colored skinny jeans

Wearing: American Eagle skinny jeans, Armani Exchange shirt, Guess vest, cap from the University Co-op and Polo shoes from Journeys.



Elise Sibley

studio art and anthropology senior

Elise Sibley’s chic look is one that can’t be ignored, but Sibley’s fashion style is largely determined by her ability to comfortably ride a bike.

Style pet peeve: oversized T-shirts

Wearing: garden rose bermuda shorts, Guatemalan blouse and black heels from her boyfriend’s aunt.



CHATTER

Quachina Prince

corporate communications and marketing junior

“I am only go out during the weekends. When I do go out, I like to barhop. Some of my favorite bars are Shakespeare’s Pub and The Thirsty Nickel.”



Zachary Caballero

English and history junior

“Spider House Cafe. They have poetry slams every Tuesday and live music on most nights.”



Vishal Patel

business honors finance senior

“Cedar Street Courtyard. I go to hear good 1980s and 1990s music by a band named The Spazmatics. They even have a bar, so it’s ideal for drinkers and nondrinkers.”



WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG?

Sabina Hinz-Foley

plan II anthropology senior

Being a double major is not an easy task to take on; it requires discipline and an organized life. From seminars, to class, to grabbing a bite at the SAC, carrying a lightweight bag is ideal for this busy senior. And with just an iClicker, cash, phone, wallet and a notebook, it’s clear Hinz-Foley knows how to keep her necessities to a minimum.





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WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO

by the Longhorn Life staff

Making excuses for staying in on the weekends is easy – you have too much homework, long driving trips are exhausting, or, the classic, you don't have a way to get where you want to go. Megabus' new local stop kicks all of those excuses to the curb and encourages you to explore outside of Austin.

Megabus arrived in Austin this June, offering low-fare trips to Dallas and San Antonio. The double-decker buses boast Wi-Fi and power outlets available to travellers, giving students the opportunity to do homework en route to their destination. Megabus is currently in negotiations to add a Houston route and a downtown Dallas drop-off departing from Austin.

Since 2006 Megabus has been known for their \$1 fares. The prices increase as they approach the day of departure, so be sure to lockdown trips in advance. But even spur-of-the-moment decisions will not empty your wallet. As of today, a round-trip bus to San Antonio is as low as \$10.

If you have your sights set outside of Texas, out-of-state destinations are available from Dallas and Houston Megabus stations.

Director of Operations Bryony Chamberlain said that flexibility is key for travelling with little funds. "Every journey has a selected amount of \$1 seats. However, these are limited and therefore can go very quickly," Chamberlain said. "If people can be flexible with their travel arrangements they can find great deals."

PICKUP LOACTION:



Austin: *Dobie Mall, Whitis and 20th*
San Antonio: *4th Street and Broadway*
Dallas: *701 Davis Street*

TICKETS:

Tickets are available for purchase online at www.megabus.com and at Resurrected Games in the Dobie Mall.

Pack up your homework and book your weekend getaway with Megabus!

San Antonio bucket list:

- ***The Alamo***
- ***Six Flags Fiesta Texas***
- ***San Antonio zoo***
- ***Riverwalk***

Dallas bucket list:

- ***Dallas Museum of Art***
- ***Arboretum***
- ***Explore downtown***
- ***Shop at the Dallas Galleria***

Good eats

LATE NIGHT EATS

By Alex Vickery

Photos by Katrina Funtanilla

Hours of indulging in nothing but fruity cocktails, draft beer and conversation — not to mention busting out those calorie-burning dance moves — is enough to make anyone's stomach growl. And a fourth meal does sound pretty tempting after a night on the town. Austin, a hub for young partygoers, understands this temptation perfectly and offers a variety of restaurants that work around the clock. We've rounded up some of the best places open extra late on weekends to help you indulge your late-night cravings.

TACOS

ART OF TACOS
75 RAINEY ST.
OPEN 'TIL: 3 A.M.

Rainey Street is becoming a local hotspot for Austin partygoers. With new, quirky watering holes popping up and a laid-back atmosphere, it's a quaint getaway for those wanting to escape the Dirty Sixth crowd. What's more, Rainey Street is home to a variety of food trucks that couple with its bars, including the acclaimed Art of Tacos. With so many taco pioneers in Austin, there's often a debate about who has the best grub. Really, the secret to a successful taco joint is simple: fresh, cheap and delicious. The Art of Tacos trailer is praised for being just that.

DESSERT

GOURDOUGH'S
1503 S. FIRST ST.
OPEN 'TIL: 3 A.M.

If a night of bar-hopping has struck your sweet tooth, then Gourdough's vintage trailer is the place to satisfy it, probably for a good while. Its gourmet donuts are filled, stuffed and topped with all kinds of crazy concoctions. From fried chicken and bacon to marshmallow and berries, donuts are given a whole new meaning at Gourdough's. Luckily for us, they're about to open a second, permanent location — Gourdough's Public House on South Lamar — that will serve cocktails as well; maybe a night on the town won't be necessary after all.



PIZZA

HOBOKEN PIE
718 RED RIVER ST.
OPEN 'TIL: 3 A.M.

When does pizza ever not sound good? Located in the heart of Austin's live music scene, late-night concertgoers migrate to Hoboken Pie after enjoying a good show and a few beers. The store makes 99 percent of their ingredients in-house, to ensure the best quality and best tasting pizza around. You can't go wrong with pizza that is a self-proclaimed "advocate for Austin's hungry (and often slightly tipsy) masses."

BREAKFAST

MAGNOLIA CAFÉ
1920 S. CONGRESS AVE.
OPEN: 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK

This classic café may not be as much of a staple for Longhorns as Kerbey Lane, but it is for the rest of Austin. It's open "24/8," so don't be surprised by who or what you may see there at 4 a.m. It's hard to find something on the menu that isn't worth trying, but if you're craving an omelet, a stack of pancakes or a breakfast taco, Magnolia serves up quite a selection of reasonably-priced deliciousness.



EAST SIDE KING

1618 E. SIXTH ST. (three locations)
OPEN 'TIL: 1:45 A.M.

If you're hitting up the hip bars on East Sixth, a visit to the East Side King trailer behind The Liberty Bar is a must. There are two other East Sixth locations, each with different menus: one behind Shangri La and one undergoing renovation behind The Grackle. Owned by celebrity chef Paul Qui, its Asian fusion menu may not seem like the conventional food to cure a hangover, but the trailer's fry-heavy dishes are town favorites.

Embrace your inner foodie

KEBABALICIOUS

SEVENTH AND TRINITY
STREETS
OPEN 'TIL: 3 A.M.

There are two kinds of downtown frequenters: those who have seen a long line at this small food trailer and wondered what all the hype was about and those who have been in that line. It may not look like much on the outside, but on the inside they make some mouthwatering street food. Kebabalicious serves European-Turkish kebabs, or wraps stuffed with juicy meat and tasty sauces. The portions are filling and prices are cheap, a definite go-to before catching the E-Bus back to campus.

CHI'LANTRO

FIFTH AND COLORADO
STREETS OR SEVENTH AND
TRINITY STREETS
OPEN 'TIL: 3 A.M.

You may have seen this Korean-Mexican fusion food truck make an appearance in West Campus, which, fortunately for many UT students, it does twice a week. However, Thursday through Saturday it has two downtown locations serving up Korean BBQ tacos as bar crowds disperse. Austin Chronicle voted its kimchi fries this year's Best Street Food. Once you get a taste of these crispy fries topped with caramelized kimchi, BBQ, cheese, sauce and spices, you'll instantly see why.

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MIX UP YOUR NIGHT

by Megan Smith
Photos by Joyce Isleta

With school in full swing, the thought of going out to a bar at the end of a long day can be exhausting. Luckily, Longhorn Life is here to bring nightlife fun into the comfort of your home. Sit back, kick up your feet and try this recipe for sparkling peach sangria. With a flavorful mixture of white cranberry juice, pomegranate juice and peach slices, this drink is a smooth and sweet treat for all of you over 21.

SPARKLING PEACH SANGRIA

Source: REDBOOK
Makes 5 drinks

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup white cranberry juice
- 1 shot pomegranate juice
- 2 peaches, sliced
- 1 bottle of sparkling wine

Directions:

1. Pour the lemon juice and sugar into a pitcher and stir to dissolve.
2. Add the white cranberry juice, pomegranate juice and peach slices. Stir to combine.
3. Place the mixture in the refrigerator and let it sit for one hour.
4. Mix in the bottle of sparkling wine, stir and serve over ice.



APPLE MINT CIDER (NON-ALCOHOLIC)

Source: Yahoo! Voices
Makes 10 drinks

Ingredients:

- 46 ounces apple cider
- 32 ounces apple juice
- 3 red apples, sliced
- 4 fresh mint sprigs, chopped
- 20 ounces lemonade
- 1 cup strawberries, sliced
- ice cubes

Directions:

1. In a pitcher, add ice cubes, sliced apples, strawberries, apple juice and lemonade. Stir to combine.
2. Add fresh mint to the mixture.
3. Stir in apple cider and serve immediately.

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apple mint cider
pictured above



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Style notes

WHAT'S YOUR FASHION STEREOTYPE?

While Austin may be known for its “weirdness,” it’s obvious that it has a different style in every area code. On campus students’ sense of fashion is a taste of everything from comfy uniform Nike running shorts, a Longhorn T-shirt, to prep-style button-downs, khakis and boat shoes. West of campus you’ll find Greek life fashionistas and beaus decked out in Greek

wear and neon hats. In Hyde Park where the rich hippies lay their head, Austinites effortlessly dress up even for the grocery store. Work hard with the execs in business attire, but play harder in jeans and a T-shirt on the weekend. And take a step back to SoCo with the finest vintage shops in town. Maybe you haven’t realized it, but your location may influence

your sense in fashion. See who we caught in our quest to find the fashion stereotypes around various Austin neighborhoods. Does your style fit the bill for where you live and hang out?

by Channing Holman
Photos by Joyce Isleta



UT CAMPUS: LOUD AND PROUD

CLAIRE CRUZ,
JOURNALISM FRESHMAN

“THIS IS MY COMFORTABLE LOOK.” Showing her undeniable UT pride, Claire Cruz gears up for the start of the semester with a burnt orange” T-shirt, black running shorts and Sperry’s. On campus, Longhorns are proud to show their school spirit. It helps that a T-shirt and pair of running shorts are convenient, comfortable and cheap — all things students love.

→ GET THIS LOOK ←

Longhorn gear is easy to find both on and off campus. However, for convenience, head to the University Co-op for the ultimate one-stop shop.



WEST CAMPUS: VINTAGE & URBAN

ALEXIA DABDOUB,
INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS AND
ECONOMICS JUNIOR

“MY STYLE IS BOHEMIAN CHIC.”

Alexia Dabdoub opted for flowers over Longhorn attire while heading to class from West Campus. She turned heads wearing high-waisted, white jean shorts, a black, floral sheer top, red-hot nails and white T-strap sandals. Dabdoub accessorizes her bold, boho threads with stained glass jewelry and an over the

→ GET THIS LOOK ←

Since floral print is a reoccurring trend, it’s easy to find. Try Urban Outfitters to get her “bohemian chic” style clothes and imitate the look.



HYDE PARK: THE RICH HIPPIES

MELANIE FREY,
STAY-AT-HOME MOM

“THE FASHION MOM”

There’s no need for women to lose their sense of fashion when they cross over the threshold of motherhood. Melanie Frey shows students how to stay trendy and comfy while out for a frozen yogurt break with her friends. Frey’s ensemble includes bright-colored turquoise capri pants, high-cut, white V-neck shirt with elbow sleeves, and white, embellished cross-strap sandals.

→ GET THIS LOOK ←

Since bright-colored bottoms are a must-have trend, head to Barton Creek Mall for Express’ colored capri pants, Sears for the essential white top and DSW for embellished sandals.



SO-CO: ECLECTIC VIBES

STEPHEN PERL,
ADVERTISING SENIOR

“I PRETTY MUCH DRESS TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE.”

Stephen Perl was a show-stopper while walking downtown to meet friends for a midday powwow. Other than his serious swag, Perl rocks maroon corduroy bottoms, a white V-neck T-shirt, worn white sneakers with yellow laces and blue-tint, square sunglasses.

→ GET THIS LOOK ←

Try Urban Outfitters or Express for fall trends like corduroy bottoms, Wal-Mart for his Hanes shirt and a thrift store for his shoes.



DOWNTOWN: RIP THE RUNWAY

HAILEY REDDICK,
BROOKS BROTHERS
SALES ASSOCIATE

“I LIKE CUTE, COMFY THINGS.”

Surrounded by fashionable finds at Brooks Brothers, Hailey Reddick strolls into her workplace with her own twist on classic. Hailey dresses both cute and comfy for work in a light pink cardigan with buttons along the front, embroidered, blue top flared at the waist, cuffed stone wash jeans and nude sandals with an embellished heel.

→ GET THIS LOOK ←

Head over to Dillard’s for Reddick’s work look and pair your own cardigan, blouse and jeans combo.



UT CAMPUS: THE YOUNG AND THE HOMELESS

JESUS VILLARREAL, MUSIC
EDUCATION SOPHOMORE

“I JUST KIND OF THROW ON WHAT I LIKE.”

Jesus Villareal beats the pavement on the Forty Acres with his yellow, plaid button down with turquoise and brown stripes, red denim jeans, square-face wrist watch and gray Toms. While plaid is usually reserved for fall and winter, Villareal’s bright colors make this trend versatile for the entire semester.

→ GET THIS LOOK ←

Find colored jeans at Target or Levi’s and plaid shirts from American Eagle Outfitters. For Villareal’s shoe and watch choice, try Tyler’s for an assortment of Tom’s and watch selections.

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Getting involved on campus

The Student Events Center

An alternative to going downtown

By Ali Killian



Submitted by the Student Events Center

Are you dying to get out of your room and have some fun, but Sixth Street isn't your scene? The Student Events Center leaders have you covered. This group puts on events throughout the week, during both the day and night. As a bonus, every event is free, so you won't end your night with empty pockets.

The SEC (the student organization, not the conference to which Texas A&M fled) is a department within the Division of Student Affairs and is sponsored by Texas Unions. In the words of President Carissa Kelley, "Organizationally, the SEC is a complex machine." Each of the 15 committees that comprise the SEC is headed by officers and an appointed student chairperson. Kelley works directly with the chairs, while the officers work more closely with the four vice presidents.

Most of the planning is done in the committees, and each one has a unique purpose. Furthermore, the type of events planned depend on the committee's mission. The Distinguished Speakers Committee had a hand in planning one of the most high-profile events this fall: John Legend speaking at Hogg Auditorium. But, don't be discouraged if you missed him; there are still more fall programs to come.

"There's a huge range of what kinds of events the committees plan and how many events they plan," Kelley said. "There are large programs, small programs

and novelty programs. It really varies from committee to committee and what their interests are." The Film Committee, for instance, shows nostalgic films during the Late Night Film Series on Wednesday nights and more recent releases during the Blockbuster Film Series on Thursday nights, both of which take place in the Union free of cost.

Whether it's a lecture from a music legend or a food festival celebrating a certain culture, the SEC's events can be an alternative to going downtown. Every event, even the ticketed ones, is completely free with a valid UT ID. Also, the SEC events are a way to meet new people without having to hit the bars. The SEC does not try to battle against the downtown scene with their events, though. "Traditionally, we don't hold programs on Friday and Saturday nights. We could if that's what the students wanted, and we're starting to do that a little more now," said Jennifer Zamora, the director for student programs. "We don't try to compete with the City of Austin, but if a bunch of students came and said they wanted more weekend programs, we could make that change."

In the past, the SEC has hosted events such as Harry Potter Fest, 40 Acres Fest and Back to School Bash. The SEC leaders are always improving their programs, but they need student input to do so. "The more people that are involved with SEC, the more we can

program for all of campus. We really want our events to be representative of what the student body wants," Kelley said.

As Zamora explains, there's much more to gain from being involved with the SEC than only learning how to plan programs. "We're known for putting on events, but in all that we're training leaders and we're providing opportunities to mentor people, as well. We're working with their strengths," she said. Leadership is one of the core values of the SEC, and they're dedicated to providing opportunities that will allow the students to become better leaders.

There are various ways to get involved with the SEC. Send them feedback through the University Unions website, Twitter, Facebook or in person at their office on the fourth floor of the Union, or join a committee. Most committee meetings are open to any UT student, and the meeting times are listed on the SEC website. "There are so many different committees that everyone can find their niche. Once you find it, it's so easy for you to get involved. There's a place for everyone here," Kelley said.

Whether you consider yourself a night owl or a daytime champion, the SEC has something for you to enjoy. For more information on events happening this semester or how to get involved, check the calendar at the University Unions website.



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FREE FILM SCREENINGS

TEXAS UNION THEATER

All free film screenings are shown in the Texas Union Theatre, UNB 2.228 unless otherwise specified.

- 09/27** *Men in Black 3* @ 6 and 9 p.m.
- 10/03** *Pan's Labyrinth* @ 9 p.m.
- 10/04** *Moonrise Kingdom* @ 6 and 9 p.m.
- 10/11** *Ted* @ 6 and 9 p.m.
- 10/17** *Pride & Prejudice* @ 6 p.m.
- 10/17** *Hot Fuzz* @ 9 p.m.
- 10/18** *The Amazing Spider-Man*
@ 6 and 9 p.m.
- 10/25** *The Dark Knight Rises (outdoor screening at South Mall)* @ 7:30 p.m.
- 10/03** *Raiders of the Lost Ark* @ 9 p.m.

EVENT CALENDAR

CAMPUS EVENTS

- 09/27** *State of the University Address by President Powers*, 4 p.m., Winship Drama Building's B. Iden Pane Theatre
- 10/01** *Lecture: Novelist Geoff Dyer on war writing*, 7 p.m., in the Harry Ransom Center
- 10/28** *Bill Cosby*, 6:30 p.m., Bass Concert Hall

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

- 09/29** *Fall Pecan Street Festival*, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sixth Street
- 09/30** *CASA Superhero run, benefitting abused and neglected children*, 7 to 10:30 a.m., Mueller Lake Park
- 10/06** *Texas Craft Brewers Festival*, 8 p.m., Fiesta Gardens

STUDENT ORG EVENTS

- 09/27-09/29** *South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) is coordinating a national day of service project for Sept. 29.* Sign-up online or at the kick-off rally being held Sept. 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the Texas State Capitol's south steps.
- 10/06** *The Daily Texan hosts a kick-off countdown tailgate, complete with free food and drinks.*

THE MUSIC CALENDAR

Sun.

Mon.

Tue.

Wed.

Thur.

Fri.

Sat.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

9/30

Steve Miller Band
7 p.m. @
Moody Theater

10/7

Those Darlins &
Bobby Jealousy
9 p.m. @
Mohawk

10/14

Friends
6:30 p.m. @
Mohawk

ACL

10/21

Penatotonix
7:30 p.m. @
The Parish

10/1

Vicci Martinez
8 p.m. @ Stubbs

10/8

Again for the Win
9 p.m. @
Mohawk

10/15

Assemblage 23
7:30 p.m. @
Elysium

10/22

Jeff the Brotherhood, 8 p.m. @
Stubbs

10/2

Circa Survive
8 p.m. @ Emo's
East

10/9

Big Business &
Wet Lung
9 p.m. @
Red 7

10/16

Busdriver
9 p.m. @ Mohawk

10/23

Lee Bains & the
Glory Fires
8 p.m. @ Stubbs

10/3

The Hood Internet
8 p.m. @
Beauty Ballroom

10/10

Garbage &
Screaming Females, 9 p.m. @
Antone's

10/17

Sleigh Bells
9 p.m. @
La Zona Rosa

**9/27**

Smashing Pumpkins
7 p.m. @
Stubbs

10/4

The Stone Foxes
9:30 p.m. @
Lamberts
[21+]

10/11

Erkyah Badu
8 p.m. @
Moody Theater

10/18

Awolnation
10 p.m. @
Emo's East

**9/28**

Animal Collective
8 p.m. @
The Backyard

10/5

David Byrne & St. Vincent
8:30 p.m. @ Bass
Concert Hall

10/12

The Shins
8 p.m. @
Stubbs

10/19

Norah Jones
8 p.m. @
Moody Theater

9/29

John Prine
8 p.m. @ Bass
Concert Hall

10/6

Beach Boys
6:30 p.m. @
The Backyard

10/13

Crystal Castles
10 p.m. @
Emo's East

10/20

Matt & Kim
8 p.m. @
Stubbs



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PUB-CRAWLS FOR A CAUSE

by Channing Holman

Walking through the West Mall, past Jester dormitory and down Guadalupe, Longhorns are sometimes confronted, “Would you like to help starving children in —” and while we would all love to provide food, water and education to kids in poverty-stricken nations, students are often strapped for cash.

Regardless of the cause, many find it difficult to donate money without seeing immediate benefits, but the United Nations Children’s Fund Student Chapter thought of a unique way to fundraise — biannual charity pub-crawls Shots for Tots. UNICEF helps provide better lives for impoverished children around the world.

The organization’s tagline, “We drink for the kids,” is an easy draw for college students, but beyond being a catchy name, the members of UNICEF knew it would be a great way to engage students and contribute to a bigger cause.

“My freshman year we started out with a concert called ‘Band Jam’ but the bands weren’t that good, so we just dropped the bands and kept the drinks instead,” said Katie Wilson, senior political communications major.

From Band Jam to Shots for Tots, UNICEF found a way for students to help kids halfway across the world by doing what a portion of students look forward to doing all week — drinking.

Wilson has been a member of UNICEF since her freshman year when the organization began at UT. UNICEF borrowed the idea for a charity pub-crawl from Texas Thon, a product of Dance Marathon that raises money for Children’s Miracle Network hospitals. After Texas Thon successfully organized a pub-crawl, UNICEF emulated the idea.

“We were really trying to target the audience of UT. College students are generally interested in a few things: academics — they’re here to get a degree — and they like partying, which usually includes going downtown,” said international relations and global studies junior Emily Williams. “We wrote down a list of things that we save our money for during the week and we came up with ‘downtown,’ and we thought, ‘what if we went downtown?’”

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Making cents

Doing more for less

Happy hours, happy wallets

By Greer Gaddie

Between rent, tuition, textbooks and groceries, being a student in Austin is undeniably expensive. Luckily the deals listed below make it possible to have fun without spending \$15 on a cocktail.

21 & Over

- Sullivan's Steakhouse on 3rd Street and Colorado offers a great reverse happy hour. Enjoy high-end cocktails and bar menu items for just \$6 daily between 9 and 11 p.m.
- For those of you tired of frequenting the same places, try Easy Tiger - bakery by day and beer garden by night. Weekdays between 4 and 7 p.m. they serve up \$3 local draft beers, Tito's drinks and assorted small plates.
- If you're heading downtown on a Saturday night, start at 219 West. Happy hour specials, including \$5-8 martini shakers and half price tapas, are available between 5 and 8 p.m.

21 & Under

- Open until 5 a.m. on weekends, Austin Karaoke welcomes big groups and private parties and takes reservations. Show your student ID and receive 15 percent off your total bill.
- The Alamo Drafthouse Cinema transforms the movie going experience. They offer full-service dining during film screenings and host special events like boy band sing-alongs and movie-mock-ing nights.
- Looking to spend under \$10? Peter Pan Mini Golf lets customers play one course of 18 holes for \$6 or both courses for \$9. (For those of you old enough, bring a cooler; it's BYOB.)

Tips for tabs

By Greer Gaddie

Don't leave your credit card at the bar. Not only is it a hassle to retrieve it the next day, but some places charge an additional service fee upwards of \$50. To avoid making this mistake, try using the app featured in our next tip.

Tabbedout, which started here in Austin, is a free app that "removes plastic from payments," allowing iPhone and Android users to open, view and pay out restaurant and bar tabs without having to hand over their credit cards. Popular locations that allow customers to use Tabbedout include:

- **Quatro's**
- **Antone's**
- **Sushi Zushi**
- **Bennu Coffee**
- **Molotov**
- **Blind Pig Pub**
- **FINO**
- **Lanai**

Longhorn Life tip: Always tip quality service. MIT's online living wage calculator estimates that servers in and around Austin make an average of \$7.75 per hour, which is only 50 cents above minimum wage. Servers and bartenders rely heavily on tips to make a living (and potentially pay for school), so make sure to reward their hard work.



DRINK PRICES AROUND TOWN

\$ = \$1-3
\$\$ = \$4-7
\$\$\$ = \$8+

Price	Place	Why?	Hours
\$	Barbarella	Hipster dance parties	10p.m. - 2a.m.
\$	Cain & Abel's	Tuesday \$1 beers	11a.m. - 2a.m.
\$\$	Continental Club	Classic local musicians	4p.m. - 2a.m.
\$	The Eastern	Monday Film & 40s	Noon - 2a.m.
\$ - \$\$	Hole in the Wall	Close to campus	3p.m. - 2a.m.
\$	The Local	Billiards and games	Noon - 2a.m.
\$\$	Rattle Inn	Live country and rooftop	4p.m. - 2a.m.
\$	Shakespeare's Pub	Thursday \$5 pitchers	8p.m. - 2a.m. Fri. and Sat. 2p.m. - 2a.m.
\$	The Trophy Club	Mechanical bull	6p.m. - 2a.m.
\$\$	Vice	Over 18 dance club	9p.m. - 2a.m.
\$\$	Yellowjacket Social Club	Outdoors and great food	11a.m. - 2a.m.

Out & about

Photos by Alejandro Silveyra



Students from the University of Texas enjoy drinks inside Spider House Cafe while preparing for this semester's classes.



Patrons strike a duel on the old-school, vintage arcade machines at Kung Fu Saloon on West Sixth.



Cheer Up Charlies, Spider House Cafe, Kung Fu Saloon and The White Horse depicted above.





Friends enjoy an ice cold beer on the grassy patch outdoors in Cheer Up Charles' live music space. Cheer Up, located on East Sixth, is most known for its eclectic, kitschy vibe and judgement-free attitude.



Pedicab Confessions

by Ali Killian



Pedicabs are great for those nights when you're downtown, you've had a little too much to drink and you don't want to get behind the wheel of a car. Although this pseudo-bike ride may be no hassle for you, the drivers deal with crazy situations every night. Longhorn Life asked these pedicab drivers for their most memorable moments.

“One time, a girl just went wild and kept smacking my butt. I mean, we accept a certain amount of butt smacking, but she just went too far.” — Keith

“Once, a married couple came on to me, together. The husband said something to me about his wife not wearing underwear, and it was really strange.” — Drew

“A guy who was in the back of my cab a while ago had to have been on some sort of drug. During the middle of the ride, he hopped out into the middle of the street and stripped naked.” — Paul

Explore

UNDERRATED VENUES AUSTIN



By Nathalie Lumang
Photos by Katrina Funtanilla

For many students, partying means frequenting West Campus or Dirty Sixth. And while these places are undoubtedly fun, they get old quickly; perhaps it's time to shake up your routine. Luckily, Austin caters to the unconventional, with many underrated places offering an escape from the downtown frenzy.

Austin Karaoke and Hi Tunes Karaoke

Austin Karaoke: 6808 N. Lamar Blvd.

Hi Tunes Karaoke: 911 W. Anderson Ln., Suite 117

For those of you who don't (or can't) drink, Austin has nightlife activities suited for you as well. If you had a stressful week of school or just want to have fun with friends, karaoke might be the answer while belting out your emotions and having a good time. Austin Karaoke and Hi Tunes Karaoke are two venues to consider for the ultimate stress relief. These karaoke bars don't limit themselves to classics. Recently, in fact, it has become standard to have a karaoke machine that updates its songs daily. This means you can sing "Call Me Maybe" and a Spice Girls song in the same night.

Note: Austin Karaoke has patrons pay per person by the hour and Hi Tunes Karaoke by the hour, depending on the room. Both are open late: Austin Karaoke is open until 4 a.m. on weeknights and 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and Hi Tunes Karaoke is open until 2 a.m. daily.

The Tigress Pub

100 W. North Loop, Suite G

Found in the North Loop district - an up-and-coming haven for Austin's eclectic bars, coffee shops and restaurants - the Tigress Pub is known for its drink specials. This neighborhood bar may be small, but the interior has an old-fashioned, traditional feel. Bartender Juliana Fry said the Tigress Pub is considered the neighborhood's craftiest cocktail bar. It's open from 4 to 11 p.m. (ish) on most nights, except for Friday and Saturday when it closes at midnight.

Barfly's

5420 Airport Blvd., Suite B

Barfly's is a dive bar with the well-known motto "Our drinks are cheap so you don't have to be." And what college student passes up reasonable prices? It's a casual bar open until 2 a.m. with a foosball table, pool table, jukebox and a Ms. Pac-Man arcade machine. It's a good place for a night out with a couple of friends, especially as a 20-something on a budget.

Dolce Vita

4222 Duval St.

If bars aren't your scene, try Dolce Vita for classy cocktails and spiked milkshakes. Just north of the UT campus in the heart of Hyde Park, Dolce Vita — initially known for its homemade gelato — now attracts a large evening crowd. "The atmosphere of the place changes throughout the day, but we definitely have a nightlife," said server Laura Kandle. Dolce Vita offers a happy hour from 4 to 8 p.m. every day and all day Sunday. Because of its neighborhood locale, Dolce Vita is small, but picturesque. Its quaint patio offers a great space for patrons to enjoy drinks and conversation, the perfect locale for a calm night out.



NIGHT OWLS

By Ali Killian

One of the best aspects of being a college student at UT is spending your weekends downtown and exploring the thriving Austin nightlife. There's just one catch — where do you go? With so many bars and clubs in Austin it can be hard to choose. To put your worries at ease, try checking out one of these venues on your next downtown excursion.

The White Horse

500 Comal St.

It wouldn't be Texas without a honky tonk. Located on the Eastside, The White Horse hosts a diverse crowd with an energetic atmosphere of music and dancing. Featuring live bands, these tunes are just what you need when you're itching to two-step, and The White Horse has plenty of space for you and your partner to swing the night away. Along with the inside bar, the fenced-in outdoor area is for drinking, dancing and even barbecuing and taco eating. The brightly colored exterior reflects the energy that's inside, coming from both the patrons and staff.

Starting as a close-knit group of friends, The White Horse staff's goal is to create a welcoming environment, and to quickly deliver drinks in a friendly way. Additionally, the staff eases your wallet pain by keeping drink prices low and the music events typically free. Their consistently low prices are why they don't have drink specials; every time you go into the bar, you know exactly what you're going to get. And low prices and free music are exactly what college students need when going downtown.

What's the hoot?

"We have a wider demographic than we could have ever hoped for. It's something that appeals to all ages and all types of people. The mix of people is what really makes it special; we just seem to catch everybody."

— Denis O'Donnell, co-owner

Spider House Cafe

2908 Fruth St.

How many cafés do you know of with a bar inside? Just north of campus, Spider House Café gives a whole new meaning to study party. With its rustic interior and mismatched outdoor furniture, Spider House embodies Austin's eclectic spirit and attracts varied crowds.

Outside the seating area has a backyard feel, with patio furniture enclosed by fences that seem to have been plucked from lawns. Starting at 10 a.m. you can eat, study and hang out with friends without feeling like you've left home. The café area creates a relaxed ambiance, furthered by a laid back but slightly edgy bar. Once you're done hitting the books, you can move inside to reduce your stress by grabbing some drinks and enjoying the entertainment on the mini-stage.

When it comes to nightlife, Spiderhouse has more to offer than just the bar and patio areas. The 29th Street Ballroom is home to many events during the week, including the Austin Poetry Slam every Tuesday. Largely composed of live music, the events are listed on Spiderhouse's website, in case you want to plan your night in advance.

What's the hoot?

"For me, I love the atmosphere and the mismatched furniture. I really like the Christmas lights in the bar, too." — Kelsey Thompson, patron

Kung Fu Saloon

510 Rio Grande St.

Stop playing video games in your room, and head down to Kung Fu Saloon — to play more video games. Vintage arcade games line the inside walls of this bar, and the theme continues outside with brick wall cut outs shaped like the aliens from Space Invaders, complete with glowing eyes. This funky space also sports plasma TVs, so you can take a break from playing games and watch some instead.

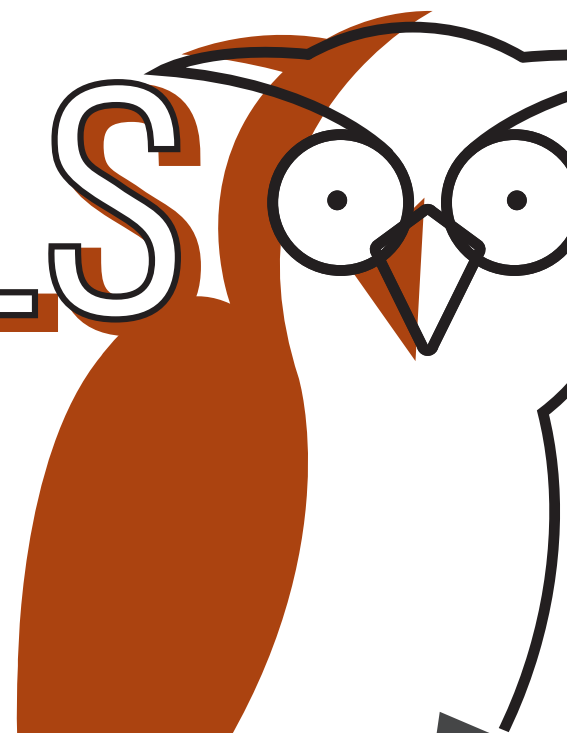
Kung Fu Saloon offers a refuge from stress and coaxes you to play like a kid, but in an adult way. Kung Fu's bar includes a full Sake Bomb menu, along with the standard brews. The best part? While you're at the bar, you can master games like Pinballz, Ms. Pac-Man, Giant Jenga and Skee Ball.

Especially inviting for college students whose childhood isn't far behind them, Kung Fu encourages patrons to loosen up, play some games and enjoy time with their friends. The drink specials and free game play during happy hour every Sunday keeps the Kung Fu expenses within the limits of a tight college budget, too.

What's the hoot?

"We went for a fresh, old-school video game theme. Most our clientele is about mid-20s to 30, and they all grew up playing these games. We wanted to bring back all the cool games that Dave and Buster's has, except old-school and for big kids."

— Ernie Zuniga, bartender



NIGHT OWLS

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Cheer Up Charlie's

1104 E. Sixth St.

Although most assume Cheer Up Charlie's is a gay bar, the staff actually strives for it to be an "ambiguous space" where everyone is welcome and no judgments are made. Often in costume, the patrons fill both the bar and the outdoor stage area to enjoy the night's affair.

Events at the bar can be anything from music to an all-girl arm wrestling tournament. If you're tired of Top 40 hits and searching for independent artists, Cheer Up Charlie's is the place to go. The staff focuses on live music, and likes to usher in small local bands to give them a chance to start their career. When it comes to booking groups, Cheer Up Charlie's has a progressive outlook. The staff always looks to bring in younger artists, which draws a college crowd.

The staff and patrons of Cheer Up Charlie's are open minded and accepting of everyone. By embracing music and art, the idea is to create a space where your lifestyle doesn't matter, and the ambiguity of the crowd is what makes Cheer Up Charlie's unique; everyone is free to enjoy the party without fear of ridicule. College can be a tough time for many reasons, but if it were up to Cheer Up Charlie's, worrying about how others perceive you wouldn't be on the list.

What's the hoot?

"I love the clientele; it's always changing. There's always something new and fresh happening here. I wouldn't say it's like any other bar by any means."

— **Bryan Almaraz**, bartender

"It's always laid back. I never feel like I'm bogged down when I'm working. The ownership is great, and they're really fun to work for."

— **Cole Evans**, bartender

"I love the area around Cheer Up Charlie's. I feel like East Sixth is where people go to just hang out, as opposed to Dirty Sixth where people go to really let loose. It's almost like an oasis from nightlife."

— **Herbie Wei**, patron

The Ranch

710A W. Sixth St.

With its western decor and lively atmosphere, this three-tiered bar is packed to the brim every weekend. As one of the largest bars on Sixth Street, the Ranch's different levels coupled with the outdoor deck make it a popular downtown spot. Every Friday and Saturday, the Ranch fills up with various Austinites who choose to party on West Sixth for the night. If you want to hang out with a group of friends at your own table, though, the Ranch does allow bottle service and party reservations.

In fact, many of those who frequent The Ranch on weekends are UT students. The owners are UT alumni, so they're known for hosting specials on Longhorn game days. Each Saturday, UT fans head to the Ranch to indulge in drinks and some Longhorn football. The Ranch's main bar's capacity is 349, and is full of televisions, so you and your tailgate buddies will never miss a play. Even if the main bar is packed, the Ranch has two additional floors open for you and your pals to congregate. If you're asking for a classic southern bar with a large UT following, the Ranch could be the place you're looking for.

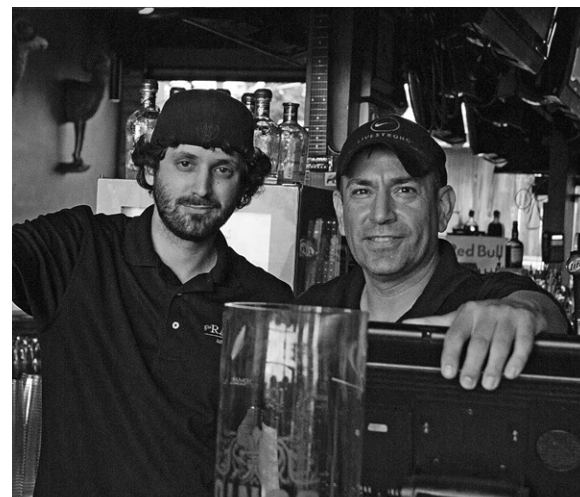
What's the hoot?

"This is an up and coming area, and with our huge capacity, this tends to be a packed venue every Friday and Saturday. We get all walks of life in here, and a lot of fun people every weekend."

— **Matt Norcia**, manager

"It's right in the middle of everything that's happening downtown, and there's always something different every night. There's never a dull moment."

— **Jay Caballero**, bartender



Nightlife News

By Alex Vickery



Photo by Alejandro Silveyra

YASSINE ENTERPRISES LAWSUITS

During the course of a year, brothers Husen Ali “Mike” Yassine, Mohammed Ali “Steve” Yassine and Hadi Yassine’s nightclub empire has fallen. The family-owned company, Yassine Enterprises, ran nine bars throughout Austin, including Kiss and Fly, Hyde, Pure and Treasure Island. In March, an FBI raid on their Sixth Street nightclubs led to the arrest of 10 employees on alleged drug distribution, money laundering and firearms charges, which resulted in the closure of eight Yassine-owned venues. In April, the Texas Comptroller’s office took possession of six of the downtown establishments, seizing assets in order to compensate for unpaid state taxes.

The investigation is still ongoing, with charges against the Yassine brothers expected to grow. Jury selection is set to begin on October 1, which could push the trial back until the spring of next year. One suspect, Alejandro Melendrez has agreed to take a plea bargain for a narcotics charge relating to selling and distributing cocaine; resulting in 46 months in prison, three years of supervised release and a form of probation.

A class action lawsuit was filed against Yassine Enterprises in January by more than 200 employees, claiming they were not paid their minimum wage and had to survive solely on tips. A \$685,000 settlement was reached in June.

In additional legal troubles for the Yassine brothers, the family of former UT soccer player Kylie Doniak filed a civil lawsuit against the company. Doniak was hit by 22-year old drunk driver Nicolas Colunga and suffered severe physical and brain injuries. Her family alleges that Yassine En-

terprises’ bar Fuel, as well as Vice, owned by Ckan Inc., continued to serve Colunga the night of the accident despite his apparent intoxication. Doniak’s family hopes to get financial assistance to cover the cost of extensive care for the 22-year-old, who is still recovering in her hometown of Chino Hills, California.

CHEER UP CHARLIE’S NOISE CURFEW

East Sixth bar and music venue Cheer Up Charlie’s is at odds with the neighboring community due to recent noise violations. The Austin Music Commission recently met with a nearby neighborhood association to address the bar’s Outdoor Music Venue Permit but no conclusion was reached. Now, a new city ordinance has taken effect, subjecting any bar within 600 feet of residential property to an earlier cutoff time for outdoor amplified music.

The venue’s owner, Tamara Hoover, and booker and sound manager Maggie Lea believe there should be a difference between live performance hours and programmed music; contending that they have only broken the set curfews with DJs or prerecorded music at lower sound levels.

Last year a band shell was installed to reduce noise but some residents are still unsatisfied. Neighboring residents disagree with any sort of amplified sound coming from the bar after hours.

According to the new sound permit for Cheer Up Charlie’s, hours for all outdoor amplified noise have now been restricted to 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The dispute has led to a crackdown on the noise curfew, which was previously 11:30

p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Cheer Up Charlie’s has appealed the new permit but a hearing date has not yet been scheduled.

STUDENT KILLED BY CAPITAL METRO

In a tragic accident last April, University of Texas student Andy Wang, 22, died after falling underneath a Capital Metro bus. Wang was heading back from downtown Austin with a group of friends. He was intoxicated when, upon exiting the bus, he lost his balance and fell underneath as the vehicle was departing. He was later pronounced dead at a nearby hospital and no charges were brought against the bus driver, who was unaware of the danger.

FORMULA 1 AMPITHEATER

The new Formula 1 racetrack will not only attract sports fans but now music fans, as well. Designs for the racetrack include a new concert venue that will join the ranks of some of Austin’s largest, like the Erwin Center and westward neighbor the Backyard. Organizers have already made deals with production giant Live Nation to bring in acts upon the 15,000-seat open-air amphitheater’s completion. It will be the largest of its kind in Central Texas, and will include a grass seating area.

Its location at the base of a 22-story observation tower overlooking the racetrack earned the name Tower Amphitheater. Organizers hope to have the venue done by spring 2013, with plans to host large-scale concerts by national touring acts mostly during the summer months.

All of the proceeds from the pub-crawl go to UNICEF. Last year, they raised \$1,000 at the event, which they used to buy and distribute supplies. The organization selects which products to send to varying areas. In the past, UNICEF has donated wells, multiple vaccines (such as measles, mumps and polio), water purification tablets and water pumps to children in Togo, Vietnam and numerous other locales. "UT students going downtown and having a Jack and Coke is helping some kid thousands of miles away get clean water," Williams said. "You feel really good."

Get out the vote: Election 2012

Voting in Travis County

If this is your first opportunity to vote in an election, chances are you've yet to register to vote. The deadline to apply for a voter registration card is **October 9, 2012**. Applications are available online at www.traviscounty-tax.org and must be mailed to the following address on or before the deadline.

Travis County Voter Registration
PO Box 149327
Austin, Texas 78714-9327

If you're already registered to vote, look up your polling location on the Travis County Clerk website and report there on **November 6**. Early voting is available **October 22 through November 2**. Applications are also available at U.S. postal offices and Austin public libraries.



Voting from another county

If you're not registered to vote in Austin, you will need to apply for an absentee ballot through your local county clerk. The first step to applying for an absentee ballot is to double check the accuracy of your voter registration card. If your name or address has changed, you will need to submit a correction form before **October 9, 2012** to your county clerk's office.

Once you have verified your information, you will need to apply for an “early voting by mail” ballot. This application can be mailed, faxed or hand-delivered to the county clerk in your hometown. If mailed, make sure the envelope is addressed to “Early Voting Clerk.” This application must be received by **October 30, 2012.**

Don't know which candidate you want to vote for?

Check out the next page for our rundown of their backgrounds, platforms and the issues they support.

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Understanding Party Platforms: Election 2012

With the election fast approaching, talk of the Democratic and Republican parties' political platforms is at an all-time high. While the issues they face are the same, each candidate has outlined a different approach to meet constituents' demands. Using the party's official websites and other political forums, we've put together a list of important issues, where Democrats and Republicans stand on those issues and how the candidates plan to address them.

by Brittany Lamas and Greer Gaddie

Barack Obama

Born in Hawaii, Obama moved to Chicago after college and later attended Harvard Business School where he was president of the Harvard Law Review. After finishing his degree, he worked as a professor at the University of Chicago, and was elected as a senator in Illinois in 1996, and then to the presidency in 2008. He and his wife Michelle have two daughters, Malia and Sasha.

The economy

Unlike Republicans, President Obama believes in more government regulation of banks, blaming Wall Street for the 2008 financial crisis. In response to the burst of the housing bubble and the beginning of an economic recession, he passed a 2009 stimulus bill, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. To continue creating jobs in a second term, Obama has proposed the American Jobs Act, which extends unemployment benefits, gives small businesses tax cuts and creates jobs through public works programs (e.g., hiring teachers, construction workers and first responders). If re-elected, the president also plans to raise tax rates only for households making more than \$250,000 a year.

Health care

In 2010 Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which goes into effect in 2014. Major provisions include the individual mandate – although there are economic and religious exceptions, the elimination of most pre-existing conditions and the expansion of Medicaid (which states can now opt out of). Dependents are also now permitted to stay on their guardians' insurance plan until they their 26th birthday. President Obama would veto legislation repealing the act; however, at a campaign event in Ohio, he said he would “work with anybody who wants to work with me” on improving the law.

Mitt Romney

Born in Detroit, Romney became governor of Massachusetts in 2002 after spending most of his career as co-founder of the investment firm Bain Capital. A graduate of BYU, he also earned a joint JD and MBA from Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School. He and his wife Ann have five sons.

The economy

An issue Romney has made the centerpiece of his campaign is economic recovery, something the two candidates differ on greatly. Romney and the Republicans believe in less government involvement when it comes to creating jobs and fueling growth. In “Believe in America” – which outlines Romney's economic plan – he wrote, “Washington has become an impediment to economic growth.” His plan involves requiring congressional approval for all new regulations, capping government spending at 20 percent of GDP and implementing a 20 percent tax cut across all brackets.

Health care

Despite enacting an individual mandate to purchase insurance in Massachusetts, former governor Romney plans to repeal President Obama's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act if elected. According to Romney's campaign website, a “government takeover is the wrong approach.” Instead, a Romney administration would create a policy that puts health care in the hands of the state governments, allowing them to regulate insurance markets and independently care for the poor, elderly and chronically ill. Complementing Republican economic policy preferences, the website also claims Romney prides himself in “promoting free market competition and emphasizing consumer choice.”

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Faculty Update

Mixed messages on the bomb threat

Criticism and controversy surrounded the bomb threat that forced UT officials to evacuate campus Friday, Sept. 14. Both off campus and online, students wondered why they were notified via text alert over an hour after the university was made aware of the threat. The caller, a man claiming to belong to al-Qaida, warned of bombs placed in several campus buildings, although the warning text gave vague indications about why the evacuation was necessary.

Even faculty members appeared confused about what was expected of them by university officials. “I was wrapping up my lecture when my

cell phone vibrated,” said radio-television-film assistant professor Madhavi Mallapragada. “I announced to the class that we needed to leave the building immediately, but when we got outside there were several students hanging around. It was clear they didn’t understand all buildings needed to be evacuated. The wording in the text messages seemed to create anxiety, although there were no overt signs of panic or desperation.”

Alexander Weinreb, a sociology assistant professor, said that while everything went relatively smoothly, he was concerned about classroom

interruption. “I hope the university authorities can figure out a reasonable protocol to minimize disruptions in the future.

In his Tower Talk blog, however, President Powers reassured readers that student and faculty safety was his number one priority. He went on to commend several on-campus offices for facilitating a fast evacuation and acknowledged that new methods had already been identified to improve emergency procedures and communication. English freshman Birdie Zepeda said her professor informed students the following week that she had put her TA in charge of

monitoring a cell phone in case of another emergency.

The communication measures currently in place take advantage of a wide range of student access points. As Powers points out, students were alerted using not only the campus text alerts system but also through various social media sites (Twitter and Facebook), the university’s website, local media outlets and – most noticeably – the campus-wide emergency sirens.

Robert Dahlstrom, UT campus chief of police, told local news stations he understands concerns regarding what students considered late notification.

“After major events like this one, we always hold meetings to discuss potential system improvements,” said Dahlstrom. “We review procedures – reinforce what went well and change what didn’t – and do our best to make everyone feel safe.”

University campus safety and security representatives also meet regularly with building managers to discuss best practices and ways to improve. Their next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in ACES 2.302.

Also, if you haven’t already, make sure you register your cell phone online in order to receive text message alerts. Visit UT’s

Emergency Preparedness website at www.utexas.edu/safety/preparedness/ for more information.

Lost work time due to evacuation?

President Powers has authorized the use of paid emergency leave for Sept. 14 from 9:51 a.m. through 5 p.m. for all benefit-eligible employees.

If you were an essential employee and were instructed to work during the evacuation, emergency leave still applies to you. On your timesheet, record the hours worked plus emergency leave.

For more information on how to record emergency leave, contact the Human Resource Service Center (HRSC) at 512-471-4772 or email hrrsc@austin.utexas.edu.

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at UT [42 years]

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at UT [20 years]

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Cockrell School of Engineering
at UT [33 years]

- 1 There's Austin and there's Texas — they are not the same, though they both share the “can do” attitude.
 - 2 “Diversity” is a core value at UT (perhaps we should officially add it to the original six core values).
 - 3 We still have the same goal I was told about when I was recruited in 1969: “a faculty the football team can be proud of.”
 - 4 Plan II students are as good as any in the Ivy League.
 - 5 I've learned to say “y'all” and even sometimes put extra “y's” in words to get that Texas twang.
 - 1 Gregory Gym “rocks.” It is one of the few places on campus where you can get a great work out and also see your students (former and current), colleagues, retired faculty and staff.
 - 2 The ITS help desk is truly amazing. Always courteous and professional, the student consultants follow up either by phone, if it is a complicated problem, or e-mail to evaluate the service quality provided.
 - 3 There are numerous opportunities for students to explore the intellectual, practical and personal interests beyond the Forty Acres. Austin is a natural laboratory for research and teaching. The town and gown relationship fosters a dynamic partnership, making it a fertile mecca of discoveries and innovative ideas. The Mayor's initiative to keep Austin an age-friendly city is just one more example of what makes the University a vibrant learning community.
 - 1 I'm happier assuming the best in people and their intentions, until proven otherwise.
 - 2 Crouched behind most of my successes are a series of rather pedestrian failures.
 - 3 Any concept, no matter how complex, is easy if you understand it.
 - 4 The character of a person is better demonstrated in disappointment than victory.
 - 5 The students get younger every year.

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Barack Obama

Education

Generally speaking, Democrats want to spend more federal funds on public education than Republicans, and in 2009 the U.S. Department of Education implemented Race to the Top, a \$4.35 billion program designed to promote innovation in schools and provide incentives for improvement. If reelected, he will likely expand many of his first-term initiatives – implementing statewide content standards, working with unions to accomplish reforms and taking steps to improve the No Child Left Behind Act. The administration’s higher education plan doubles funding for Pell Grants and establishes a college tax credit.

Environment and energy

Democrats generally support renewable energy projects and legislation targeting climate change and environmental protection. Under President Obama and as part of the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulates greenhouse gas emissions, and has placed restrictions on coal-fired power plant toxins. While some environmentalists have criticized Obama for permitting the use of “clean coal” and natural gas, many applaud the administration’s efforts to raise fuel efficiency standards for automobiles.

Individual rights

On May 9, Obama became the first president to openly support gay marriage. This year’s Democratic party platform also supports gay marriage (for the first time) and reaffirms Democrats’ commitment to abortion rights. For example, under the Affordable Care Act insurance companies are required to provide women with contraception, a measure that has come under conservative fire. President Obama also signed into law the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act – which supports victims of pay-based discrimination – and pushed to repeal the U.S. military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

Mitt Romney

Education

Romney’s campaign site outlines the nominee’s proposed education reforms. His voucher program allows poor and disabled students to enroll in schools of their choice using federal funds. However, like most Republicans, he believes the government spends too much on education; Romney and Ryan have both said they would cut education and discretionary spending and consolidate or shrink the U.S. Department of Education. Their higher education platform also consolidates federal financial aid programs and changes the eligibility for Pell Grants.

Environment and energy

The Republican approach to achieving energy independence deemphasizes renewable sources and climate change and instead focuses on job creation and oil and gas. In 2011 Romney confirmed that he believed humans are contributing to global warming but stressed his view that the U.S. should not implement a cap-and-trade policy. Energy policy is a large component of his economic plan. As president, Romney would concentrate alternative energy on basic research, encourage domestic oil drilling, expand the supply of fossil fuels and put states in charge of environmental regulations.

Individual rights

Last year Romney signed a National Organization for Marriage pledge, advocating for a constitutional amendment to define marriage as between one man and one woman. He does not support civil unions and, if elected, plans to appoint an Attorney General who will support the Defense of Marriage Act, which also narrows the definition of marriage. Like most other Republicans, Romney is also pro-life. He believes life begins at conception and that the Supreme Court should overturn Roe v. Wade, which extended the right to privacy to a woman’s decision to have an abortion.

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Undergraduate Academic Advisor, College of Communication



**Theresa
Thomas**

Position: Undergraduate Academic Advisor,
College of Communication

Time at UT: 11 Years

Earned her Bachelor's in
Applied Learning and
Development in 1999

In your
spare time,
what do
you like
to do?

I like to read, watch movies and sing karaoke.

What's the
best part
about
working at
UT?

Working at UT is like living in a small community: you get to meet lots of different people, and it keeps you young!

Why did you
choose this
career?

I wanted to work directly with college students in a position where I could make a difference in their lives."

What is a
difficult
work day like?

The most difficult work days are when I have back-to-back appointments or meetings and can't stay caught up with my email - this usually happens most during registration advising and the first four to six class days.

Is there
anything
advisors do
that students
may not
realize?

Many advisors are very involved in professional student organizations and participate in meetings and events. We also have to process a lot of paperwork and help coordinate and execute many college events such as graduation, Honors Day, etc.

Vanilla
or
Chocolate?

Swirl!

What is a
typical work
day like?

I answer lots of email and voice mail, have advising appointments with students, process paperwork and attend meetings.

What is the
best part
of your
job and why?

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